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THE CARIBOU HUNTERS.

The Caribou.

broken to harness on this continent by any of some of them a matter of certainty. Michel, with a second arrow before it got out of reach. enjoying themselves after their day's chase over the Indian tribes, before the advent of Europe- when we first saw him on the wolves, they hastened after the a pot of hot coffee by the camp-fire; and we can ans, and the only instances on record since that tally reviewing the incidents of that day's hunt, Caribou. 'There,' said Louis, 'quite close to assure our readers that this coffee, though unperiod have been as a matter of amusement. and indicating with the undulatory motion of that steep rock, the Caribou which Michel had provided with cream and made in a tin mug,

years among naturalists as to the identity of the ten or twelve to many hundreds, in British The story which he was telling related to a sin- could not go far. Michel stopped to guard his than any that Delmonico ever supplied. subject of our picture—the American Caribou— America, while a few can be met with in the gular incident which happened to himself. He work with the Reindeer of Lapland.

America, while a few can be met with in the gular incident which happened to himself. He work with the Reindeer of Lapland.

This young man is evidently used to Canadian with the Reindeer of Lapland.

with the deer of the old world. Judge Caton, The subject of our picture is the Woodland | they were lying. The subject of our picture is the Woodland | they were lying. The subject of our picture is the Woodland | they were lying. in his recent work, "The Antelope and Deer of | Caribou, the staple game for the Indians of | yards away, but coming with tremendous on, and came quite close to the wolves, who | ed with the latest breech-loading rifles, and look America," gives the result of some forty years | Labrador, where it is as plentiful as it is scarce | bounds, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | made so much noise, and fast increasing the distance between | mad of patient study of these animals. Being a man elsewhere. Professor Hind, of Toronto, gives themselves and the wolves, who had evidently vouring the first he had shot, that he approach cup of coffee they will probably set up a bark or of means, he has been able to keep a large deer the following animated story of an Indian Car- surprised them only a short time before. Nei- ed quite close to them and short another, killing branch shelter against the wind, and sleep with park, in which he has had every species of ibou hunt, as told by the Indian himself. His ther Michel nor his companion had fire-arms, it at once. The Caribou-cousin had to go a long their feet to the fire in spite of the snow, as

animals is very similar and their anatomical snow was on the ground. The object of the structure identical. There is no evidence, how- hunter was to drive the Caribou through a faever, to prove that the Caribou had ever been | vorable pass, which would make the death of amazed brutes, and succeeded in transfixing one | The two hunters in our picture appear to be | selves hugely, and there let us leave them.

American deer; and he has paid visits to Europe with the express object of identifying the representatives of the family in the old world.

Judge Caton's testimony is very full, and red first and the family in the old world.

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THERE has been considerable dispute of late The Caribou is found in herds, varying from his hand the direction the Caribou is found in the center

The question seems to have been settled, how- There are two distinct varieties, differing in panion, when they heard the clatter of hoofs went back after the wolves which had been sits opposite, for no greenhorn would be out ever, by the testimony of Judge Caton, of Illi- size, and known as the Woodland and Barren over the rocks. Looking in the direction from wounded. The wolf-cousin had not gone far there on snow-shoes, such as those that rest nois, a rich and enterprising naturalist, who has | Ground Caribou would come, | back when he heard a loud yelling and howling. | against the tree behind him. | He would be laid made a specialty of studying all our American | the extreme recesses of the Hudson's Bay Terri- they saw two Caribou pursued by a small band | He knew what the wolves were at; they had up in the first half-day's tramp with swelled deer, with a view of finding out their affinities | tory and on the shores of the French Cana-

shows that the Reindeer of Lapland and the prevent them from taking a certain path over ceived an arrow, and one dropped. Instantly mals of the deer kind, is that the females have nights. The presence of snow and cold does not Caribou of Maine and Labrador are really one precipitous rocks which they were known to taking a fresh arrow they waited for the wolves. | antlers. They are small, it is true, but are none | deter an old hunter from his camp, while spruce and the same species, modified only by residence frequent, and over which the hunter could not With a long and steady gallop these ravenous the less antiers. The dead Caribou in our pic- boughs are plenty; and dry wood can be cut out in different climates. The appearance of the follow them swiftly enough when only a little creatures followed their prey, but when they ture is a female, as these small authers denote, of the heart of a tree even when they bark is soakthat the men in our picture are enjoying them-

Meloung dew Morker.

THE YOUNG TRAMP.

BY CHARLES F. ADAMS.

Hello, thar, stranger! Whar yer from? Come in and make yerself ter hum! We're common folks, ain't much on style; Come in and stop a little while; 'Twon't do no harm ter rest yer some.

Youngster, yer pale, and don't look well! What, way from Bosting? Naow, dew tell! Why, that's a hundred mile or so; What started yer I'd like ter know On sich a tramp; got goods ter sell?

No home, no friends! Naow that's too bad! Wall, cheer up, boy, and don't be sad-Wife, see what yer can find to eat, And put the coffee on ter heat-We'll fix yer up all right, my lad.

Willing ter work, can't get a job, And not a penny in yer fob? Wall, naow, that's rough, I dew declare! What, tears? Come, youngster, I can't bear Ter see yer take on so, and sob. How came yer so bad off, my son? Father was killed! 'sho'! whar? Bull Run? Why, I was in that scrimmage, lad,

I sha'n't forgit old 'sixty-one! So yer were left in Bosting, hey? A baby when he went away-Those Bosting boys were plucky, wife, Yer know one of 'em saved my life Else I would not be here to-day.

And got used up, too, pretty bad;

'Twas when the "Black Horse Cavalcade" Swept down on our small brigade, I got the shot that made me lame, When down on me a trooper came. And this 'ere chap struck up his blade.

Poor feller! He was stricken dead; The trooper's saber cleaved his head. Joe Billings was my comrade's name, He was a Bosting boy, and game! I almost wished I'd died, instead.

Why, lad! what makes yer tremble so? Your father! what, my comrade, Joe? And you his son? Come ter my heart! My home is yours; I'll try, in part, To pay his boy the debt I owe.

Gaspar, the Gaucho:

LOST ON THE PAMPAS.

A TALE OF THE GRAN CHACO.

BY CAPT. MAYNE REID, AUTHOR OF "THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN," "THE SCALP-HUNTERS," "AFLOAT IN THE FOREST," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER XXVII.

A COUNTERFEIT CRANE.

dle-bags, where for a time it rummages about. breast. When drawn out again, it is seen to grasp a By the time Cypriano has doffed the mas- But not a moment spend they along shore, between the ice and the land." folded bundle of soft goods, which, on being | querading dress, and resumed his proper travel- | search for hoof-marks other than those of their | glance over his shoulder, to assure himself of | shaken open, shows to be a shirt. No common | ing costume, the cooking is done, and breakfast | own horses. They see others soon as arrived at | the sun's disk being true behind their backs; any chance of finding a whale in-shore. There's cotton thing, however, but an affair of the finest | declared ready. linen, snow white, with an embroidered bosom | While eating it, by way of accompaniment, the same animals they have been all along ingup the pace at which they had started.

and fandangoes. purpose," he observes, while in the act of un- monly called rheas; though to the gauchos bet- as elsewhere, by the mud. But Gaspar's keen rock, or other landmark to tell where the travfolding it. "Still it won't likely get much ter known by the name avestruz. damage; and a wash, with a bit of starch, will Both the boys are pretty well acquainted with lation escaping his lips, tells that he has dis- he for awhile forgets what has hitherto been en-

set it all right again." señorito, be good enough to strip off everything, Ludwig best knows them in a scientific sense. swer:

and draw this over your shoulders. been laid aside, as also his jaqueta, calzoneras | who imparts most of the information, the oth- along with them."

inches all round.

knotted at the back of the neck.

capture of these shy birds.

you can and will, we'll make breakfast on some- of Magellan." in costume to go garzoneando."

hend what is required of him, and is quite eager only this we've met here. Of them I ought to main river.

remarks Gaspar; "and it will be as well to have take them there if not to lay their eggs? True, And on for this they ride; to reach the point | we may have to slacken the point | we may have to slack them there if not to lay their eggs? one with you, in case of your not getting a good | they drop them about everywhere, in a very | where it commences, just as the sun's lower | all." now the less noise that's made the better. Who ing seen scattered all over the campo, and far of the horizon. come up with them. Therefore, I say, use either | upon. But that can't be so, since the huachos | than ever is the gloom in their looks as they be- to explain himself, and answering, says: the balls or the rope."

slip over an estrich's head, after the noose had | them; that where they have laid their others | it has been altogether obliterated. bolas gets a turn round the creature's shanks, sitting upon it; who won't let any of them come | this by the bank of the river which there | lurch as it has done. But go on, señorito! I it'll go to grass without making another stride. | near, once he has taken to hatching." Take this set of mine. As you see, they're best "Is it true, then, that the cock does the hatch- off to the south. He thinks the route across "Well," proceeds the young Paraguayan, that the cock does the hatch-

differs from the ordinary bolas, in having a one nest. That of itself shows no single hen the sun's disk right before their faces, they see caught the other's meaning, "I see the whole

double-barreled gun, and concealing both as he known of a gaucho getting a kick from one he'd far as their eyes can reach; for here the river, During all this dialogue, Ludwig is silent, noticed while in the boat, best can under the gaucho's shirt, he starts off started from off the nest, almost as hard as if it after turning off, has no longer a skirting of seated in his saddle, a very picture of astonish-

with the boliadores; or, failing this, bring it questions Ludwig. down with a bullet-one barrel of his gun being

after him can see that his chances of success are different way from swans. They swim with making the attempt as the darkness will soon made, or two for that matter, while the third recovered from their scare, and are again tran- ders, with the head and neck, above. It's a fun- horses, they set about establishing a camp. quilly striding about. Moreover, they have ny sight to see a flock of them crossing one of But when established they take little delight The three of us following one another, and the moved somewhat nearer to the bank of the the big rivers; and scores of times I've been eye- in its occupation. Now more than ever are last giving the directions from our trail behind, riacho, where a bordering of leafy evergreens of witness to that bit of comicality. Caramba! they doubtful and dejected; thinking of that we can't possibly go astray. Thanks to that fers to the stalker cover of the best kind. Taking a curious bird, the avestruz is altogether, and a terrible travesia, of which all traces are lost, and white stuff, our back-tracks can be seen withadvantage of it, he, in the guise of a garzon, useful one, as we've now good reason to know. none may be found beyond. To Cypriano no out difficulty, and to a sufficient distance for our steps briskly on, and steals in among the bushes. So, senoritos, let us be thankful to Providence night since their starting out seemed so long as purpose There he is for a time unseen, either by those | that there's such a plenty of them on these | this. the creatures being stalked. The latter have al- of this fine specimen, as to place it so directly camp-fire, or lying sleepless alongside it, that too, catches his meaning, and, with an enthusiready noticed the counterfeit, but without show- and opportunely in our way. the tract of country they so much dread enter- asm equaling that of the gaucho, cries out: ing any signs of fear; no doubt supposing it to The discourse about ostriches is brought to a ing upon, will, in a few hours' time, prove their dier cranes—scores of them. Even when this indeed, that the sun's disk is not yet all above the Unaware of this good fortune before them, himself; who, for this go, and not Gaspar, acts solitary specimen again appears by the skirting | horizon, when, having completed the repast, the | they seek rest with feelings of the utmost de- | as guide and director. of the scrub within less than twenty paces of trackers start up from their seats around the spondency, and flud sleep only in short snatches. [To be continued—commenced in No. 1.] possibly a little surprised at its being there all Nor do they spend many moments at this.

the spot, till a movement on the part of the expedition forced upon them through sad, pain- hour-the earlier because of their increased garzon, with some gestures that seem odd to ful necessity—they waste not a second that can anxiety—and after breakfasting on broiled osthem, excite their suspicions afresh; then rais- be saved. Quickly, therefore, their horses are trich leg, make ready to recommence their ing their heads, and craning out their long got under saddle, and bridled, with every article journey. necks, they regard it with wondering glances. of their impedimenta fixed and fastened in its Nolens volens, they must embark upon that Only for an instant; when seeming at last to ap- respective place, besides, something on the croup brown, limitless expanse, which looks unattracprehend danger, the birds utter a hiss, as if of Ludwig's recado, which was not hitherto tive in the light of the rising sun as it did under

about to beat a retreat. chances to be nearest the bushes, and who be- ostrich, with most of the flesh still adhering, ting out, Gaspar says: fore he can lift a leg feels both embraced by each as large as a leg of mutton. There is a "Hijos mios; we can't do better than head while at the same time something else hits him | wrap of the vihao, or wild plantain leaves, | salitral, somewhere. Luckily there's a sun in a hard heavy blow, bowling him over upon the | which, tied in a secure packet, dangles along- | the sky to hold us to a straight course. If we

grass, where he lies stunned and senseless. par and Ludwig, the two together rushing down | days. while the counterfeit crane comes forth from they are not yet prepared to take a final depart possibly lose them. The thirst of itself would

said, Gaspar, about making a noise." but provide dinners and suppers for at least a and afterward occupied in drying their wet the best speed we can take out of the legs of our couple of days to come."

throat, to make sure before releasing its legs the nether side of the ford at its outcoming, horse, the gaucho goes off at a gallop; the from the thong. After which the boliadores | where he supposed he might hit upon the trail others starting simultaneously at the same. are detached; and the huge carcass, almost as they were in search of. It was not because he pace, and all three riding side by side. For heavy as that of a fatted calf, is carried in had forgotten it, but that, knowing they would on the smooth, open surface of the salitral there triumph to the camp.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

THE AVESTRUZ.

these birds and their habits; Cypriano having covered something which gives him gladness. gaging it—the position of the sun.

chief of a bright scarlet color, also taken out of self I've seen three. First, a very small sort, summit of the slope. the inexhaustible alparejas. This he ties about not much bigger than a turkey cock. It's dark- "Come hither!" he calls out. "Look there!" he calls out. "Look there!" he calls out. "Look there!" Cypriano's neck, not as an ordinary cravat, but er colored than the kind we're eating, with he adds, as they get beside him. "You see that gaucho hesitates, as if reluctant to say why loosely folded, so as to expose a breadth of several shorter legs and feathered further down. It these tracks have the toes all turned down. It these tracks have the toes all turned down. don't lay so many eggs either; but, strange to stream; which tells me the horses did the same, a cloud come over the sun; has that anything to out accident. The gaucho's next move is to snatch from off say, they are almost as big as those of the other and, I should say, also their riders. Yes! Soon do with it?" then placing the thick end against Cypriano's avestruz petise, as the bird's called, seems to like | So says Gaspar; but Cypriano, and also Lud- for the rest of this day at all events. Mira! It's | cate the presence of a "bow-head." hide thong, the last carried around and firmly pampas further north. On the other hand, the deed, an earnest desire—once more to look upon spreading out!" sort we have here, which is the biggest of all, the tracks of the pony on which they know The others also perceive this, they too hav-A few more touches and the toilet is complete; never strays down to these very cold districts, Francesca to have been mounted. And commu- ing halted, and faced to eastward. might be supposed a soldier-crane! At all events, | hottest. The third kind I've seen is in bulk | while they return to search for them.

-gun, bolas and lazo; and in the use of the two nest. Now, I can say for certain they do. I've horse's head upward, he cries out: "The gun might be the readiest and surest," other, and on the same day too. What should salitral!" are never found pecked or broken, but always | hold the sterile tract, which should have shown | "Look back along our trail. Don't you see "All the same to me," observes the young | whole, whether they be fresh or addled. I think | snow-white, all black and forbidding. For the | that it runs straight?"

boliadores, and you can throw them with surer ing?" interrogates Ludwig. Gaspar. It is simply a question of getting near | heard from this fellow."

ing can be more unlike. So far as the swim- the ocean. As he goes off, Gaspar and Ludwig looking | ming goes, the avestruz can do it, but in quite a Not on that night, anyhow, do they intend | can stay by the end of the trail we've already good. For by this the rheas have pretty well | their bodies under water, and only their shoul- be down upon them. So dismounting from their rides forward? The others can call after to watching him from the summit of the knoll, or | pampas, and, above all, for so guiding the steps | Little dream they, while seated around their | his explanatory discourse, Ludwig, of quick wit

plain, and fed in a friendly way alongside sol- than is here taken in telling of them. So little, losing it. them, they do not seem at all alarmed, though fire, and proceed to caparisoning their animals.

Ever mindful of what has brought them thither Nor do they make any attempt to stir from | -no mere excursion for pleasure's sake, but an | NEXT morning the trackers are up at an early there. Where the lost traps had been carried, that of the setting. For one of them it is too late, the cock which are now seen the two thigh-bones of the cock In their saddles, and gazing over it before setsomething which lashes them tightly together. heart, liver, and gizzard also stowed away in a due westward. That will bring us out of the side; the whole, as Gaspar declared, enough to hadn't that for a guide, we might go zig-zag-"Bueno! Bravo!" simultaneously shout Gas- keep them provisioned for at least a couple of | ging all about, and be obliged to spend a night

garments, with other cares of the occasion, even | animals." So saying, he draws his knife across the rhea's | Gaspar had failed during daylight to examine | With this admonition, and a word to his

break and before, as is known, they have been between.

is, though they soon begin to have a guess. smell proceed from some choice tidbits which and each leading his own horse, they move out than the surrounding surface. Theirs, on the "Yes, sir, I think we can. This ice is open—

the stream's edge; scores of them, and made by and in this manner they press on, still keep- nothing like trying, at any rate."

Meanwhile, Gaspar has been engaged getting "Though the thing isn't generally known," he no, who, with Ludwig, had been examining the the necessity of caution as to their course. read several other things for the change of cos- says, "there are several distinct kinds of aves- Indian trail down by the water's edge-apart "Santos Dios." he cries out, his own brow betume intended; one of these being a silk handker- truz in different parts of the country. Of my- from the gaucho, who had followed it up to the country. Of my- from the gaucho, who had followed it up to the country.

the ostriches will so suppose him, as Gaspar about midways between the two; but it's a very To their satisfaction they again beheld the "But how lost?" inquires Ludwig, who with Only the day before, a dozen ships had been knows, for he is but copying a scheme often rare bird, and I believe not known to the diminutive hoof-marks; two or three of which his more limited experience of pampas life, is in sight near this spot, when the ice-stream set practiced by South American Indians for the learned naturalistas. Isn't that so, Señor Lud- have escaped being trampled out by the horses puzzled to understand what the gaucho means. that came behind. And after regarding them "In what way?" "Muy bien!" he exclaims, as he stands con- 'Indeed, yes. I never heard of a third spe for a time with sad glances, Ludwig turns away. "Indeed, yes. I never heard of a third spe for a time with sad glances, Ludwig turns away."

"Mothing of the sort!" breaks in Cypriano, tinued, throwing the boat's head round. "Here sort!" breaks in Cypriano, tinued, throwing the boat's head round. "Here sort!" Declaring himself ready to start out, it but re- as there are days in the year. One thing to guide | who, a little apart from the other two, has been is a good landing-place; and we can keep a mains to be decided what weapon he ought to been no end of disputation about; and that is them, save the stream itself. To the gaucho, for the last few seconds to all appearance hold- look-out from this little hill." take with him. For they have the three kinds | whether several hens lay their eggs in the same | bowever, this seems sufficient, and turning his | ing communion with himself. "Nothing of the | We hauled our boat up on the beach, and

also commences its curve, turning abruptly oughtn't to have interrupted you." "Quite true-all of it; and he's got a good And there is no sign of road now, not a trace in that same right line-since we can." Taking hold of the weapon, along with his but ten times more dangerous to go near. I've And the same thing both to the right and left, Gracias a Dios!"

finding the way across it, would be like embark- ing round to him, and giving the explanation in "Like swans. No, I'm wrong there, for noth- ing in an open boat, and steering straight for detail.

CHAPTER XXIX.

ON THE SALITRAL.

amidst the saltpeter; perhaps three or four of from the hillock, and on for the prostrate rhea; But although everything seems in readiness, them. To do so would be to risk our lives; the bushes to meet them, as he draws near, say- ture from the place. A matter remains to be kill us, for there's never drinkable water in a determined, and one of the utmost importance salitral. However, with the sun behind our I could have shot the hen, but for what you | -being no less than the direction in which they | backs, and we'll take care to keep it so, there should go. They have thought of it the night won't be much danger of our getting bewil-"No matter for the hen," rejoins the gaucho. | before, but not till darkness had come down up- | dered. We must make haste though. Once it "We don't want her just now. This beauty on them. Still unrecovered from the excite- mounts above our heads, I defy Old Nick himwill not only give us enough meat for breakfast, ment consequent on the attack of the gymnoti, self to tell east from west. So let's put on

> Stay there all night, he also knew the tracks, if any, would keep till the morning.
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> Stay there all night, he also knew the tracks, if thousand for traveling single file. Over it a thousand horsemen—or ten thousand for that Being an Adventure that occurred in the Sea of Morning having arrived from earliest day. Morning having arrived, from earliest day- matter-might march abreast, with wide spaces

Soon after the trio of trackers have re-enter- otherwise occupied; and only now, at the mo- Proceeding onward, they leave behind them GASPAR allows no time to be lost, but instant- ed the algarobia grove, a frizzling, sputtering ment of moving off, do they find time to look three distinct traces of a somewhat rare and orly commences taking measures for the garzo- noise is heard therein; while an appetizing odor for that which must decide their future course iginal kind—the reverse of what would be made neando-whatever that may be. As yet neither spreads all around, borne afar on the balmy and the route they are to take. of his young companions has been told what it | breeze of the morning. Both the sound and the | With a parting glance at the place of bivouac, | with snow, where the trail would be darker by the hoofs of their galloping horses.

their repast, but of ostriches in general, and distinguished no further than to the summit of the salitral; and Gaspar begins to look inquir-

Then turning to Cypriano, he adds: "Now, several times taken part in their chase; while on Cypriano asking what it is, he makes an- And when next he turns to observe the great | The stream of drift-ice, extending in a line luminary, it is only to see that it is no longer parallel with the shore, was not more than Still there are many of their ways, and strange "Just what we're wanting to find out; the there at least no longer visible. A mass of two miles in width, and composed of pieces Without a word of protest, or objection, the ones, of which neither one nor the other has route the red-skins have taken after parting dark cloud has drifted across its disk, complete of moderate size. With a fair working breeze, young Paraguayan does as requested, and is ever heard, but that Gaspar has been witness to from this place. Thanks to the Virgin, I know ly obscuring it. In fact, it was the sudden the ship might have been pushed through it soon inside the holiday shirt; his own having with his own eyes. It is the gaucho, therefore, the way they went now, as a consequence, the without much danger. But at this time it was shadow coming over the plain before his face, nearly calm; and we did not care to stand "How do you know that?" questions Cypria- which prompted him to turn round—recalling close in to the land, unless certain of finding

same serious tone, "we're lost as it is now!"

templating his finished task. "By my word, cies, though father has told me of the avestruz sighing, while his cousin gives utterance to very thing we've lost, señorito. Look around! The hours had passed away up till noon; and nuchacho mio, you look the character to per- petise; which, as you say, is only found far what more resembles a curse, accompanied by Now, can you tell east from west, or north from only a finback or two had been seen. These fection. And if you act it cleverly, as I know south? No, not a single point of the compass. were hardly game worthy of our steel; to say If we only knew one, that would be enough. nothing of the almost utter impossibility of thing better than beans. Now, senorito, you're approaching the gaucho, all three mount into But we don't, and, therefore, as I've said, we're approaching the gaucho, all three mount into But we don't, and, therefore, as I've said, we're approaching them within striking distance. count, "I'm sure of there being three sorts; their saddles; and, without further dallying, lost-dead, downright lost; and, for anything Long ere this, Cypriano has come to compre- though I don't know much about the other two, ride off down the riacho, to make back for the beyond this, we'll have to go a-groping. At a despondingly. "We shall do nothing here tocrawl, too, like three blind cats."

sort," he repeats, riding toward them with a selecting the driest spot we could find for a piclast he is almost as skilled as the gaucho himself. seen several go to the same nest, one after the "Now, muchachos mios! we must on to the cheerful expression. "We'll neither need to go nic place, made our noonday meal of hard-tack groping, Gaspar, nor yet at a crawl. Possibly, and cooked rations of "bovine mahogany" we

chance to cast either of the others. But just loose, careless way; as can be told by their be- limb touches, seeming to rest on, the level line Both Ludwig and the gaucho, but especially the latter, sit regarding him with puzzled looks. knows but that some of these traitorous red- from any nest. What this is for I can't myself | And now, having arrived on the edge of the For what can he mean? Certainly something skins may be still straggling about? Hearing | tell; though I've heard some gauchos say that | salitral, they make halt, still keeping to their | which promises to release them from their dishots they'd be sure to come up to us, which we | these stray eggs-huachos we call them-are | saddles, with eyes bent over the waste which | lemma, as can be told by his smiling countendon't want, though ever so much wishing to laid here and there for the young birds to feed stretches far beyond and before them. Greater ance and confident bearing. In fine, he is asked

Paraguayan. Which do you think the better?" | it's more likely that the hens drop these stray | salitral, as all the rest of the campo, is covered | "We do," replies Gaspar, speaking for both. "The bolas, decidedly. I've known the lazo eggs because they have no nest in which to put with a stratum of mud, and the travesia across "In a dead right line, thank the sun for that; and I only wish we could have had it to direct grand army, in the reign of his sire. Well

the salitral is due westward, but he is not sure. "there's no reason why we shouldn't still travel The weapon which the gaucho hands to him | many eggs to cover. I've counted over fifty in | to indicate the gaucho, who has now has now has now the gaucho, who has now has no

longer stretch of cord between the balls; but could have layed them; for, as it would take nothing but the brown, bald expanse, treeless as thing. Bravo, Señor Cypriano! You've beaten ting, he's as cross as an old duck doing the same, face, or serve as a land-mark for the traveler. pil has shown himself worthy of his teacher.

ride out upon that wilderness waste, to all ap- elicited from the gaucho's lips. His wonder is the lead of the rest.

enough to one of the birds to make capture of it | "Is it true they can swim, Gaspar?" again pearance endless, with any chance or hope of brought to an end, however, by Cypriano turn-

"Don't you see, sobrino mio, that one of us keep him in a straight line and to the course.

Long before Cypriano had reached the end of

"Viva, sobrino mio! You're a genius!" be what it pretends—a bird as themselves, with | close with the breakfast upon that which had best friend. Instead of sending them further | Not a moment more is lost or spent upon that neck and legs as long as their own. But no ene- led to it; both, along with the incident of the astray it will put them once more on the lost spot; Ludwig being the one chosen to lead off. my; for often have they passed over that same | bird's capture, having occupied little more time | trail, with no longer a likelihood of their again | the gaucho following, with a long space between them, while the rear is brought up by Cypriano

DRIFTING.

Fair head against my heart, White hands held fast in mine, Sweet lips that barely part, Soft arms that fondly twine! As down the silent stream We drift as in a dream.

The rustling foliage near Sighs with a mournful tone; High in the trees we hear The south wind's dying moan;

Still down the silent stream, We drift, and drifting, dream. The sun sinks in the west: The wild fowl hurry by;

And passing to their rest, They chant a lullaby; While borne upon the stream, We gently drift, and dream. The bittern's lonely cry Comes faintly thro' the night;

The wild swan far on high, Pursues her silent flight-As down the quiet stream We slowly drift, and dream.

Ah! should our voyage last, Through all eternity, Thy arms to hold me fast Would welcome fetters be: Forever down the stream

To slowly drift, and dream!-C. E. P.

A Night In Siberia.

Okhotsk.

"LET'S go in with the boats, and have a look along shore," said Mr. Warren, the mate of the Standard, as he came down from the mast-head. "Can you get in do you think?" asked Captain Sayre, dubiously.

While they stand watching, they see him once Gaspar has taken from the body of the algarobia grove, and on down to the edge contrary, is lighter colored—in point of fact, that is to say, open for a boat; and, as it's still more plunge his hand into those capacious sad- bird-chiefly slices from the saltpeter tossed to the top weather, there'll be no trouble about passing through it. I can see a strip of clear water, all

"Well, go ahead then, if you think there's

The land which lay before us, stretching as and ruffles; in short, his gala shirt, such as are they naturally converse about the bird. Not tracking. Not much in this it might appear; They have made something more than ten far as could be seen each way along the northworn by gauchos when they appear at flestas the particular one which exclusively forms since, unfortunately, these hoof-marks can be miles from the point where they entered upon ern board, was the settled region of Siberia, on the shore of the Sea of Okhotsk-a sea, of which "A pity to use my best camisa for such a more especially those of South America com- the sloping bank. Beyond they are covered up, ingly ahead, in the hope of sighting a tree, ridge, the waters were then teeming with unwrought wealth; for, though a whaling-ground of comeve is not to be thus baffled; and a joyful ejacu- esia terminates. His attention thus occupied, paratively small extent, it yielded immense re-

turns to American enterprise for many seasons after it was opened.

something to reward our efforts. Our expedition of reconnoissance was soon charge of the three mates, the captain remain-

We found the ice open enough for boats to

As Mr. Warren had reported, a belt of clear the fire one of the fagots still only half consum- sort, only differently shaped, and with a tinge as out of the water they turned down; proof water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile that cloud don't water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile that cloud don't water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile to the water they turned down; proof water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile to the water they turned down; proof water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile to the water they turned down; proof water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile to the water they turned down; proof water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile to the water they turned down; proof water was discovered beyond it, full half a mile to the water was discovered beyond it. ed; from which with his knife he scrapes the of blue on the shell. It, I saw when I once went good as positive that they've gone along the pass off again we're as good as lost. And," he in width; and here we cruised, not together, red coal, leaving the surface black, at the same on an expedition with the Buenos Ayres army riacho this side, and back again to the big river. adds, with eyes still turned to the east, his but with intervals of a mile or two between the paring the stick to a sharp point. With down south to the plains of Patagonia. There's glance showing him to feel the gravest appre- the boats, keeping a bright look-out for the some wet gunpowder he further blackens it; the climate is much colder than up here, and the nothing further to be learnt, or gained by it." hension, "I am pretty sure it won't pass off least break upon the surface, that might indi-

forehead, he binds it fast with a piece of raw. that best; since it's never seen on the warm | wig, think otherwise. Both have a wish—in- moving along the horizon—still rising up and | The water was smooth and still as that of the warm | wig, think otherwise. an inland pond when no wind disturbs it. The greatest caution and quiet were necessary; for the whales had become exceedingly shy, from transforming Cypriano into what, at a distance, but goes all over the Chaco country, where it's nicating this to the gaucho, he holds their horses 'Santissima!" continues the gaucho, he holds their horses been hunted for a week previously, almost without intermission.

down out of the "north-east gulf." They had all shifted their ground, and we were left, for

"The whales have all left," said Mr. Warren, day. Let's go ashore and get dinner," he con-

we started for a stroll to the top of a neighboring eminence; whence we might command an

extensive prospect seaward and along shore. Patches of snow still lay unmelted in some places, while the general nature of the soil at a short distance inland was a series of heavy, soggy turf-knolls. From these the water squirted up at every step we took, as if they had been so many saturated sponges.

Our impressions of the goodly realm of the Czar Nicholas, judging from what we saw, were not unlike those of the troops of Napoleon's been round its neck. But once the cord of the being already full. Besides, there is the cock | Gaspar only knows the place where it begins; us a little longer, instead of leaving us in the might we wonder that a Russian—or any other human being—should have the assurance to call Russia "a country."

The low land seemed to present naught else but those everlasting clumps of water-logged turf, with here and there a belated snowdrift,

or a bowlder of volcanic rock. We found it but little better traveling as we ascended the acclivity. Our boots sucked down Cypriano is himself as well acquainted with this her a long time, the first ones would be rotten | cheerless, with neither break nor bush, stick | me in the craft of the pampas. But I'm not | into the boggy ground, which added greatly to kind as with the other, and can cast them as before the last came. As for the cock when sit- long aining the last came. As for the cock when sit- long aining the summit, we perceived that the hill formed the headland of a small cove, which we had not

We hastened onward to its further verge, for upon the stalk; for he now knows what he has had been given by a mule. And to hear them trees; its bank beyond being a low-lying saline ment, alike, wondering at what his cousin can the purpose of having a peep into the small inlet to do, without any further instruction from his then! Ah! that was nothing we've just marsh-in short, a part of the salitral. To mean, and the burst of joyous enthusiasm it has beyond; the mate, with his long stride, taking

hands, as if in an ecstasy of surprise.

"Come on; look there!" of the largest class, an old "cow" with immense | place. "arch," and great patches of white about the Our commissary department, it may be menspiracles, lay basking in the still water, within | tioned, was now at rather a low ebb. We had darting distance of the rocks at the base of the come provided only for the day; and having but | department should be addressed to Junius W. C. hill. To us, perched almost directly above, she a few fragments left after the dinner, long since | Wright, 530 Rayburn avenue, Memphis, Tenn. presented a view of all her proportions and eaten, we were obliged to fall back upon the movements, rarely attainable in the case of a small reserve stock of hard bread, always carliving whale.

silence, gazing down upon her; while, all un- should not suffer for that night, at least; but we conscious of danger, she lay there breaking the also knew that our first business next morning stillness by her slow, deep respirations and must be to look out for provisions. scaling her immense tail to the right and left, We were disappointed in finding that there under water, in sheer sportiveness.

depth of water to admit of her "turning flukes" have scorned to grow in such a locality. in the orthodox way.

the beach!" and paddled silently along shore. We allowed had seen the tracks of some monstrous animal, her to drift into the cove, with the aid of an oc- which we had no doubt was the dangerous polar casional light paddle-dip; and choosing our po- bear.

But the placid surface of the basin was undis- ers. turbed by even a ripple; and though we had The wind was raw and chill, despite the flimsy

that such a mysterious disappearance is no un- by the fresh breeze. There was little sleep for common occurrence in polar whaling. I have any of us; the dormitory being decidedly too lieved that species of whale could remain below extreme for the latitude of fifty-nine. the surface for an indefinite period of time, or Yet with the usual reckless and light-hearted as long as they chose to stay.

grace we could, we cruised the greater part of ly situation on that sterile shore, with the uncerthe afternoon without seeing anything to re- tainty as to how long we might be imprisoned ward our efforts. The sky had gradually be- there, furnished food for jokes and laughter to come overcast, and a breeze from the eastward | the more thoughtless among us. surface of the sea. The ship was still in sight in lost," remarked one of the boys. creasing mist threatened soon to hide her entire- aboard safe, he would report us right in the mid-

ly from our view. other two boats to close with us.

ficer, as soon as they came within hail. "Yes, sir. But we're all right, with the land from both. The only bow-head seen during the days without seeing some ship, if not our own." day was the one of which we had had so tantal- "Even if we don't, I suppose we shall find a Echoes of the Board, Sam Clover, editor; Eastern izing a view from the headland on the shore.

and see 'em wink!" said Mr. Warren, with pro- ren. fessional enthusiasm. "It was the finest sight "I wish a polar bear would come about," said I ever saw in my life! But she went down, and | the third-mate. that's the last of her. I don't like the change of "Why so?" asked several of the party. weather," he continued, "and I think the soon- "We'd kill him, and get some provisions. er we all put off, the better, if we mean to sleep | What would not a hungry man fight for, if not | son, editor; Little Critic, Percy Monroe, editor; Lilon board to-night. We can see the ship now; for his grub?" but we mayn't be able to in another hour. Oars, But Mr. Grover's desires were not destined to Ficke, editor; Monthly Critic, Michigan Excelsior,

drift-ice, under the impulse of long, regular fire—to say nothing of twelve men grouped Enterprise, Our American Youth, Richardson Bros., is begun by firmly fastening natural strings of strokes of the oars, the officers keeping their round it—was sufficient to keep bruin at a re- editors; Our Sanctum, Olio, Oak City Item, Our eyes steadily fixed upon the ship, that was now spectful distance. only dimly visible.

than the others, at once took lead, and was well | thought of provisions, as the first and most iminto the ice-field before we reached the nearest portant necessity. edge of it. The ice was already in motion when | We dispersed on a sort of unorganized foray, | Welcome Visitor, Thos. G. Harrison, editor; Wise we entered it, and the boat of Mr. Grover, the insearch of anything that might be eatable; but and Otherwise, Yankee Blade, F. H. Sheldon, editor; third-mate, was close in our wake.

hailed Mr. Warren, speaking to the third-mate. tion.

it yet. Where's Mr. Lawrence's boat?" He asked this question, because we had been with safety.

steerer, pointing with his hand. "She's almost been totally lost on that coast the year before.

more desperate, as the pieces of ice, grinding been much more to our liking. against each other, barred our progress and After our very meager breakfast we pushed threatened our frail boat with destruction. The the boats afloat, and manned our oars for a pull mate looked, first seaward, then landward; bal- along shore. should do:

shore again. That's our best chance!" mate's boat the lead; and we followed, keeping our heads, a bulwark of sterile rock, startling in as close as possible to his steering-oar. But at its rugged sublimity. At its base a confused times the opening through which he had passed, heap of bowlders were massed together in the there. would close before we could enter it.

being steel-trapped, as it were, between two face of the cliff, having been split off at various large pieces of ice, at a word from the officer we | times by the intense frosts of Arctic winters. all jumped over upon the ice, lifting her by the Among these the chopping sea was dashing with gunwales, and at the same time stamping off the | considerable force, grinding up the lumps of ice edges of the ice with our heavy boots.

space to jump in again, and pull for the next | boats in attempting to land; and reluctantly we | little book, of 23 pages, by Richard Gerner. It | is loud, clear, strong and highly musical. available opening.

It was a case of life and death with us; for gether as to our next movement. none of us needed to be told, that if our boats | It was at length decided to pull out a short | its author. The typographical portion of the extend north to Canada and Nova Scotia. were crushed between the moving fragments, distance, and try the passage of the winter wren excels that of is Paris, with its 1,988,806; New York, with its our lives would be hardly worth struggling for. | we might now get sight of the ship. We headed | Brother, the well-known amateur newspaper | any other known bird of its size. It is truly | 1,084,528; and Brooklyn, with 549,438; and We knew that but a half-inch of cedar-board seaward, and as we advanced were astonished printers. was between us and eternity!

thus fought for our lives. All our efforts did of any size, but such as could be easily avoided; not save the frail structures from being nipped; while the greater part of the field appeared to though we were still able to keep them afloat by have become almost pulverized.

in open water, heading leisurely back toward electrified by the cry of "Sail, O!" from the inhospitable Siberian shore, we had lost all Mr. Grover's boat, that was some distance trace of the ship, as well as of the second-mate's | ahead.

Night was approaching, and a thick mist set- the ship, hove-to, within a mile of us! tling down upon the sea. A gun was heard; We were soon assured of the fact that it was but it conveyed to us only a faint, rumbling re- our own ship, for we knew every patch in her port; and we had no means of answering it, at | well-worn topsails. An involuntary cheer was that distance.

The danger of our situation, while beset in the in a few minutes after we were alongside the ice-field, may be better understood when it is Standard. considered, that, although the stream has, of We found the second mate and his crew safe course, one general set or drift, yet its various on board. As expected, he had, of course, refragments, acting upon each other, give and re- ported us as being in the middle of the ice-field ceive deflective motions more or less eccentric, when last seen; and the captain had passed a and often rotatory. Thus their relative posi- | sleepless night, tortured with anxiety as to our tions are constantly changing, new passages fate, while we were quite safe on terra firma, opening between them, and closing as suddenly | though not by any means snug. as opened.

Mr. Lawrence and his crew. When last seen, French soldiers could have been at Moscow. we thought his chance of making his way through was at least as good as ours of reaching the open water in-shore. We were not uneasy about the ship; for in this case there were no pieces of ice | ALEXANDER DUMAS, JR., has a very small heavy enough to endanger a stout vessel, though library, a single book-case containing all his they might injure her by superficial chafing. | books. They include Homer, Dante, Shaks-

planted firmly in the earth, and the sails stretch- with the greatest pleasure.

Suddenly we saw him halt, and hold up both | ed out formed a "lee," or partial shelter from the cold wind. Driftwood was collected, suffi-"No noise!" he cautioned us as we drew near. | cient to keep a bonfire going through the night, as well as to floor off, or corduroy, an extent of Down in the smooth cove below, a polar whale | the wet ground sufficient to form a sleeping

ried in the "lantern-keg" of every whale-boat, Smothering our excitement, we stood in when in active service. We knew that we

were no muscles or other shell-fish on the shore; When at last she went down, she did so with and as for vegetation—at least in any form that a gradual slant; for there was not sufficient | would furnish food for hungry men-it would

We finished our supper—the bill of fare being "Come on, men!" said the mate. "Down to strictly a felon's diet, bread and water-and posted pickets, not forgetting to have our lan-We hurried back to our boat, pushed her out, ces and harpoons conveniently at hand; for we

sition with the best possible judgment, we re- Having taken these precautions, we wrapped mained for a full hour in almost unbroken our jackets about our bodies and stretched ourselves round the bonfire, like old campaign-

also a clear view outside, no whale was to be "lee" afforded by the boats' sails; and the ice which had set in nearer the shore, was crackling We were not so much surprised, for we knew and grinding all night, in the short chop raised met with old Northern cruisers, who stoutly be- airy, to say nothing of its humidity, which was

jollity of seamen, our recent peril in the ice-Swallowing our disappointment with what drift was now made light of; and even our lone-

blowing along shore, rippled the hitherto level "I suppose the old man has given us all up for the offing, heading in toward us; but the in- "Of course he has. If Mr. Lawrence got bien, editor; Advertiser, J. D. Nutt, editor; Buffalo

dle of the ice-field. The mate now set his waif as a signal for the "This beats Kelp," said the mate. "We used of Gotham, Isaac Davis, editor; Buckeye Herald, to have some scrapes in the Kelp, on the south- Boys' News, Berea Gazette, Boys' Courier, Bee, J. "What have you seen?" he asked of each of- ern right-whaling voyages; eh, Mr. Grover?" "Nothing-but finbacks," was the answer under our feet now; and we can't be here many

Russian settlement somewhere within a hun- Star, Lawrence, editor; Editor's Eye, Clarence P. "I could look right down into her spout-holes dred miles along the shore," remarked Mr. War- Dresser, editor; Elmira Enterprise, Miss Libbie

be gratified, for no bear came near us. Doubt- North Carolina Amateur, Carr and Sutherland, edi- the colors of Lord Baltimore's dress, and not we shot rapidly out toward the stream of less the unwonted phenomenon of a blazing bon- Own Journal, Young, editor; Our Free Blade, Our osity of this bird is its hanging nest. Its home

The short night wore away without any ad-The second-mate's boat, being much faster | venture; and with returning daylight came the

soon came together again at our night camping- Fiery Comet, Favorite, Florida Advertiser.

"That we had better get out of it, the shortest No ship was yet to be seen; for the mist con- With its December issue it will be changed into way," was the not very encouraging answer. cealed everything beyond a radius of a mile or a magazine. Amateur journalism is not con-"That will be by putting back, then," said two. But the ice, from its agitation and attri- fined to young folks only, as some of the editors Mr. Warren. "We are not half-way through tion during the night, was broken up into smaller are men of twenty-four and five, though seldom fragments, and might now be passed through older, most of whom became interested in the

"There she is," answered Mr. Grover's boat- these were of the whale-ship Houqua, which had young. But her débris was of little use to us; the dis-Our situation was momentarily becoming covery of a seal, or a bed of muscles, would have

ancing in his mind for a moment the chances of A couple of miles brought us near the base of

"ship or shore." He spoke at length, as if his a lofty bluff, which we had visited about a week mind had been fully made up as to what we before, when we had climbed it for birds' eggs. H. K. Feather, is another of the late amateur To our disappointment we found that we could | books, and one which reflects credit on both au-"Lay round, Mr. Grover, and pull for the not now approach it with the boats near enough thor and publisher.

This change of movement gave the third- The cliff towered several hundred feet above wildest confusion, some of them of vast size. Several times, as the boat was in danger of They had evidently fallen down from the seathat came in contact with them.

Thus we would drag her over into a clear | We saw that it would never do to risk our

at the change which had been produced by a THE Independent Times has created quite a ous. Dull indeed must be the ear that thrills delphia has its 876,118; Vienna, 727,271; St. Pe-For the distance of half a mile or more we few hours' agitation. We met with no ice pieces

We went dashing and rattling along among And when at last we placed them once more | the reduced masses, and ere many minutes were

The mist had thinned a little, and there was sent up simultaneously from both boats, and

We had, in truth, passed a most miserable We felt considerable anxiety about the fate of night in Siberia-almost as miserable as the

high on the shore; and, taking out the loose ers. Before all stands the Bible, which is the

Correspondence, papers, etc., intended for this

Boys and Their Journals.

Or all indoor amusements perhaps none has grown so steadily in popular favor of late years as amateur printing. The introduction of cheap printing-presses laid the foundation for one of the most pleasing, and at the same time inand insignificant sheets, the "mimic press" has gradually extended into a large and recognized branch of popular literature, to which many their leisure time.

that a few such journals did exist is proved by They pass southward again in September, songwell-authenticated records, and mention is made less, and find their home in the West Indies, and as the year 1812, by a youth named Condie. At laxes once more, in March, they will re-enter next to impossible, so quickly do they appear | species, but it travels also by other routes in the and disappear. The following is a list of the interior. principal amateur papers now published, with the names of their youthful editors, where they could be obtained.

Amateur, W. B. Henry, editor; Amateur Argus, Amateur Blade, Anchor, C. E. Hellings, editor; Aspirant, Aldine, F. M. Morris, editor; Apex, Amateur Iowan, Warren Moore, editor; Amateurs' Journal. Carroll Bros., editors; Advertiser, Arba Borden, editor; Amateur Herald, Amateur Newspaper Reporter, Henry Kahrs, editor; Amateur World, Advertiser, Wear Bros., editors; Amateur Mercury, L. W. Beau Amateur, Charles Steele, editor; Boys' Gazette, Harry J. Calvert, editor; Boys and Girls' Companion, Beacon, Bluff City Boys, Sam H. Nook, editor; Boys Milner Walmsley, editor; Centennial, W. F. Babcock, editor; Composing Stick, Geo. W. Biehn, editor: Critic and Observer, "Netos," editor; Crisis, J. Worthington, editor; Eastern Sunbeam, Frye Bros., editors; Egyptian Star, W. L. Wright, editor; Adams, editor, Enterprise, Hoosier Enterprise, A. L. Kitselman, editor; Imp. J. Edson Briggs, editor; Idle Hour, Kramer, editor; Independent Times, Juvenile Press, J. J. Weisert, editor; Jersey Amateur Journal, Knight Errant, Eugene E. Ellis, editor; Kaleidoscope, A. P. Perry, editor; Leisure Moments, W. R. Jackliputian, Little Gem, Microcosm, Metropolitan, Chas. Mutual Friend, Odds and Ends, Phoenix, R. H. Born, editor; Pierian, Pearl, Quill, L. Gronauer, editor; Quaker City Gem, Stylus, Art. J. Huss, editor; Sponge, Southern Star, E. A. Oldham, editor; Talisman. H. K. Merritt, editor; Temperance Echo, The Academy, Western Boys, W. H. Reynolds, editor;

For some time we worked our way along be- place, nearly as empty-handed as when we set | The above is as nearly complete as possible, tween the pieces, but the whirl and agitation of out. The mate had shot a couple of small birds; and the names of all others received will be pubthe fragments was every moment increasing in | that did not furnish much addition to our stock. | lished in succeeding issues. The youngest editor violence. It seemed to be acted upon by a cur- We had only one gun with us, and but a few in the ranks is J. Milnor Walmsley, editor of the rent, as well as by the wind, which was fast | charges of powder and shot. Someother source | Bee, Philadelphia, he being but thirteen years | of supply must, therefore, be found, and that of age. His journal is very readable. The "What do you think about it, Mr. Grover?" soon, for we began to feel the fear of starva- Amateur, of Brooklyn, is the oldest and largest paper, it having been started in April, 1873. cause earlier in life.

so entirely occupied with our own tortuous In our wanderings on the beach we came upon So much for the journals; next week we will chief in the cornfields, but it has some good course, that we had lost the run of the second- many pieces of ship-timber, staves of casks, iron- give an article on "Books and Authors," qualities. It is of great service in the destrucwork, and other relics of wreck. We knew that | which will be read with interest by both old and | tion of insects. It has one very bad trait, per-

AMATEUR printers are invited to send specimens of their work for criticism.

EUGENE E. ELLIS, publisher of the Knight Errant, Cairo, Ill., is foreman on the Evening Argus, a professional daily at that place.

"ADA; a Tale of Flirtation and its Folly," by

WILL C. AIKEN, formerly publisher of the celebrated Our Galaxy, of Cleveland, Ohio, is away out in Los Angeles, Cal., "prospecting." Should he find a suitable location, he will remain

Among those who will probably be candidates next year for the Presidency of the National Amateur Press Association are: Delevan W. Gee, Jos. P. Clossey, Geo. W. Biehn, Wm. Barrett Henry, Art. J. Huss and J. C. Worthing-

ton. Make your choice, gentlemen. had to rest on our oars, and take counsel to- is one of the most interesting and well-rendered The house wren winters in the Southern

> sensation by declaring the election of Wm. T. Hall to the Presidency of the National Amateur Press Association, which convened at Chicago in July last, as fraudulent. It states that two votes were cast for Jos. P. Clossey, with which he was not credited. However, it fails to prove its assertion, which is perhaps what Hall would

call "an advertising dodge." THE amateur press—ever the enemy of "blood and thunder" literature—will gladly welcome THE YOUNG NEW YORKER as a respectable and interesting paper for boys and girls. The enterprising publishers, neglecting no means to procure that which will prove of interest to its readers, have opened this department, which it is hoped will prove a leading feature of the paper and receive the hearty support of the ama-

teur fraternity. In the earlier part of the present year an order was issued by the head of the post-office department, instructing postmasters to refuse to mail | the cold. amateur journals at the regular newspaper rates of two cents per pound. The average publisher could not afford to pay one cent postage on each copy of his paper, and a general stagnation resulted, while letter after letter was sent to the Postmaster-General full of expostulations and entreaties. Finally, the injustice was corrected by a recent rescission of the order, and amateur

affairs move smoothly along once more. Democrat, at Greensburg, Pa., in his 18th year; through the darkness."

W. H. Russell, in his 19th year, and Geo. Bradford, in his 20th year, both of the old Leader; and W. D. Oakley, 21 years, and Fred V. Matthews, 20 years, both of Leisure Moments, the four last named having died at Memphis, Tenn. during the late yellow-fever epidemic. May they rest in peace.

American Hunting Grounds.

Birds of Long Island.

THE GROSBEAKS. Or this family the rose-breasted is worthy of structive, pastimes in which Young America special mention. It is a beautiful bird and has a by the sale of thirty short-horn cattle. has ever engaged. One of the first results of rich, rolling song. When the female is disturbthese embryo efforts in the "art preservative of ed by the approach of man she darts off into all arts" was the publication of miniature news- | concealment, almost sure to be followed by her papers, edited and published by the young ardent spouse, solicitous for her safety, bent up- fall by the trappers, about Dunham's Bay, Lake typos." From its beginning, in a few tiny on reassuring her by his presence and caresses.

THE BOBOLINK OR RICE BIRD.

The bobolink comes to us in May. He comes of the rising generation are at present devoting all glorious with song and nearly ready to multiply his kind. The change of plumage with Before the invention of these amateur print- the finishing of the duties of reproduction is ing-machines but few of our young folks could rapid and complete before the return movement afford to issue a newspaper, however small; but is made, although this takes place in August. of one called the Portfolio, published as early even further South. As soon as the season represent there are many amateur journals in ex- | the United States and do it all over again. The istence, but to make an accurate list would be Atlantic coast is the favorite highway of this

> THE FINCH FAMILY. This family has already been noticed in the person of the rose-breasted grosbeak. Among its other members is found the pine linnet. It frequents the pine trees, but occasionally descends to the weeds and thistles, acting precisely like the yellow bird. In spring it has an agreeable song, in a lower voice than the vellow bird. Like it, it has the habit of singing in a lively, rambling sort of way for an hour or more at a time.

The lesser red poll linnet is a winter bird, and during that cold season makes its migra-November or December.

severity of winter becomes unendurable. The American gold-finch is too familiarly regular horns. known to need more than mention. Every reader has watched his antics both abroad and in the cage, and his song has cheered so many young bear, and, mistaking it for a dog, tied a homes as to make him as great a favorite as string around its neck and lugged it home. At the most petted canary. His song is rich and his voice silvery. His song in captivity is plaintive as an appeal for liberty, and he is her alive by plucking at her with their teeth in disinclined to cultivate the acquaintance of his

human master. THE ORIOLES. The Baltimore oriole derives its name from the flax of the silk-weed or swamp hollyhock, or stout artificial threads around two or more poked twigs, corresponding to the width and depth of the nest. With the same materials, willow down, or any accidental ravelings, strings, thread, sewing silk, tow or wool that may be found lying near the neighboring habi- start to glide off, then jumps and catches them tations, or around the grafts of trees, they in- by the back of the neck, chewing the vertebrae terweave and fabricate a sort of coarse cloth | till the snakes are dead, and with his claws into the form intended, toward the bottom of tearing loose any coils that may be thrown which they place the real nest, made chiefly around his body. He has already killed several. of lint, wiry grass, horse and cow hair, etc.

possessed of both richness and variety.

THE PURPLE GRAKLE. The purple grakle, or crow blackbird, is sometimes annoying to the agriculturist by its mishaps not generally known. Like the crow, a not distant relative, it is fond of birds' eggs and tender nestlings, and it destroys a great many, rapid flight.

us, peering from among the bushes with an in- ed into billiard, and "kew" into cue. quisitive air, all the while "teetering" its body and performing odd, nervous antics, as if it were "A DREAM of the Past" is the title of a neat possessed of the very spirit of unrest. Its song poems we have yet seen, and is quite a credit to States. In the summer months its migrations

musical, full of cadence, energetic and melodi-

not on hearing it. On entering a patch of rushes in search of the marsh wren, we almost instantly hear the harsh screeping notes with which those nearest scold us in vehement and angry resentment at the in-

THE PLOVERS. The golden plover is more a visitor by the way than a bird of Long Island. It breeds only in the far North. It does not appear to have any special lines of migration, but passes over the country at large, sometimes in vast flocks, its autumnal progress being more leisurely than its advance in the spring. When not too much molested it is gentle and unsuspicious. It runs rapidly and lightly in search of its food, flies with a mellow whistling note and settles again with a momentary graceful poise of the upturned wings. Some of the birds begin to work southward almost as soon as they are full grown, though others linger till driven away by

Of the kildeer plover, Elliot Cones, the famous American naturalist, observes: "The kildeer is conspicuous among the few waders that breed at large through the United States, the great majority of these birds passing further north for this purpose. Being, also, one of the most numerous and widely diffused, few birds are more familiarly known. It performs ex-DEATH has invaded the amateur ranks quite | even to South America. I think it migrates often of late, and it becomes our sad duty to re- chiefly by night. As I sit at midnight writing We carried our battered and leaky boats up peare, Moliere, and a very few oth- cord the following: Will A. Fiske, of the old this, in the town of Columbia, South Carolina, Brilliant, at Coldwater, Mich., in the 25th year in February, I continually hear their wellcraft, turned them bottom up. The masts were book that Dumas studies the deepest and reads of his age; Samuel L. C. Morris, of the Young known piercing notes, as they pass rapidly on

A CENSUS of Paris shows that it has 1,988,806 inhabitants.

THE wine crop of California is valued this year at only \$4,000,000. A LITTLE machine is made that actually meas-

ures the distance walked. A PANTHER is prowling about the woods in

Cattaraugus county, New York. THE Duke of Devonshire lately made \$100,000

THE estimated yield of corn this year is 1.300.-000 bushels; of wheat, 400,000,000 bushels.

A PERRY farmer lights and warms his house

and does his cooking from a natural gas well recently discovered on his farm. THE Northern New York Poultry Association will hold its annual fair at Sandy Hill, for three

days, commencing January 14th. THE cost of the ice-houses recently erected on the Hudson show that the cost of erection is about fifty cents per ton in capacity.

A SINGLE train on the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad, lately going from Utica to Norwich, consisted of 305 coal cars. ITALY has three navy yards, that of Spezia

being the most important. Two thousand eight hundred and sixty workmen are employed there. An Indiana firm is buying up all the walnut trees in the region of Louisiana, Mo., cutting them into logs and shipping by rail to the capi-

tal of the Hoosier State. Two men while hunting near Bethel, Sullivan county, recently came across three bears. They killed one and wounded another, which attacked one of the men. He struck it with his gun and knocked it down, breaking the gun. The third bear escaped.

THE immense horns of the South African cattion from the South. About the middle of the are made to twist spirally and in fanciful April it takes its departure, returning again in | curves by being scraped on one side or the other while they are growing. Each owner can tell The purple finch remains with us until the the oxen which belong to his "span" in this way by the acquired shape of their naturally

A LITTLE girl at Heeley Falls, Ont., while straying around her father's farm ran across a Stoneham, Quebec, a large she-bear was caught in a trap, and her affectionate cubs nearly flayed their endeavors to get her away.

A GUELPH (Canada) girl, driving home the cows, in the dusk the other evening, perceived some dark objects moving round a shock of corn, and went to see what they were. She immediately found herself attacked by six large raccoons, but fortunately having a short stick, laid about her so valiantly that the 'coons" made tracks," leaving two dead on the field.

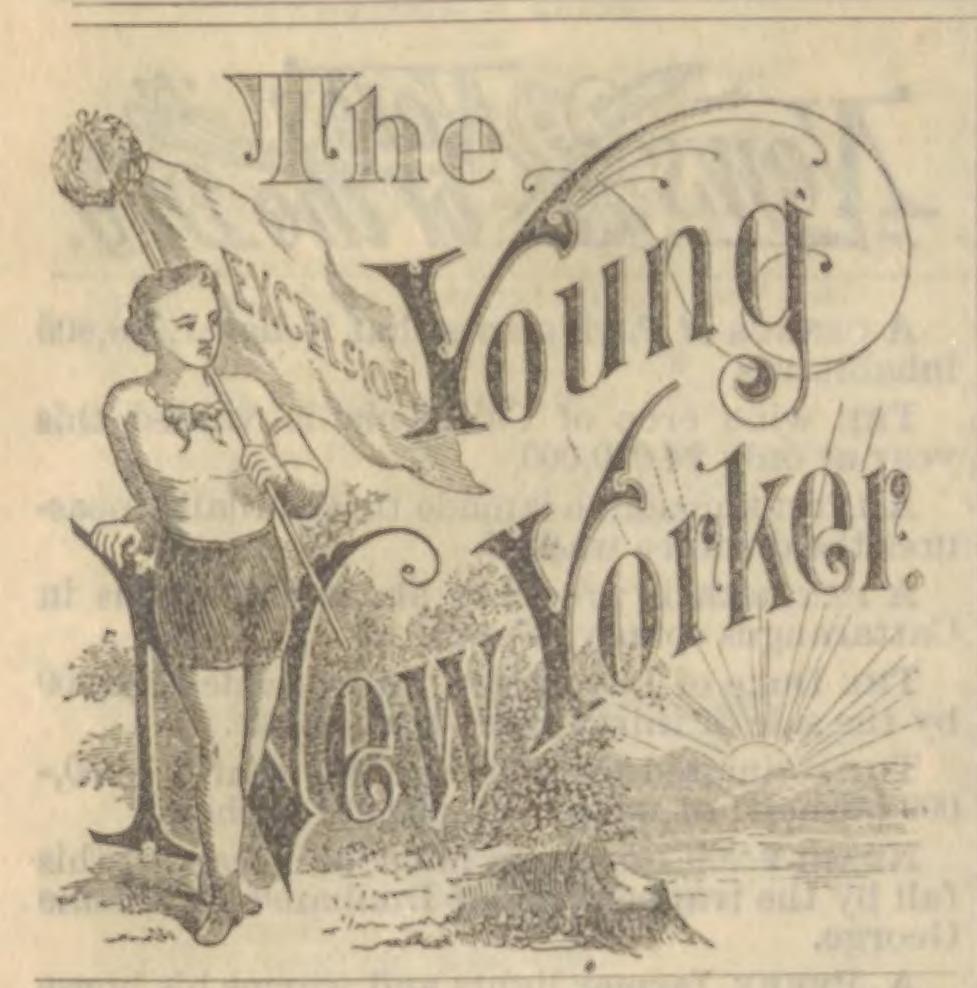
A CAT that kills rattlesnakes is owned by Chas. Baker, a granger who is reclaiming desert land on the Gila, opposite Mohawk, Arizona. The cat watches them until they uncoil and

THE teredo, or ship-worm, whose ravages on The orchard oriole also has a hang nest. ship timbers are well known to all sailors, is The orioles are all wonderful architects. Though | creating great havoc on the Pacific coast. The their nests may swing with every breath of wind | wharf at Santa Monica, the port of Los Angeles, this is but a cradle rocking to the callow young, Southern California, has had to be abandoned and it is a rude blast, indeed, that endangers on account of their depredations, and they have their leafy home. The song of the Baltimore is now put in an appearance at the San Francisco docks. Another pest, called the hinnoria, works crosswise in the timbers, boring fine holes across the grain of the wood until at times the timber is cut completely in two. These pests used to be found only in tropical seas, but since 1870 they have appeared in San Francisco Bay in immense numbers. Unless some means are devised to check their ravages the complete destruction of all the piles supporting the wharves of San Francisco is threatened.

particularly robins'. Cowardlike, it lurks about IT may be interesting to billiard-players to the robin's vicinity until the parents are away, know somewhat of the origin of the game. In when it pounces on the nest, seizes an egg or a the latter part of the sixteenth century a Lonyoung-one, and hastily retreats. Sometimes it don pawnbroker, William Kerr, was in the is caught in the act and forced to seek safety in habit of amusing himself, in wet weather, when there were no customers, with pushing about three balls on the counter with a yard measure. The great Carolina wren frequents shrubbery This suggested a board with side pockets. An and undergrowth, of all sorts, where it hides old manuscript says: "Master William Kerr with great pertinacity, and is oftener heard did make one board whereby a game is played than seen. If we attempt to penetrate its hid- with three balls; and all the young men were den resorts it hurries away into deeper recesses greatly recreated thereat, chiefly the young with a low fluttering near the ground or scramb- clergymen from St. Paules: hence one of ye ling and hopping from one bush to another, very strokes was named a 'canon,' having been by likely mocking us with its rollicking song as one of ye said clergymen invented. The game soon as it feels perfectly secure. It shares, how- is now known by the name of 'bill-yard,' beever, the restlessness and prying curiosity of its | cause William or Bill Kerr did first play with tribe, and if we keep still in a favorable spot we the yard-measure. The stick is now called a may often see it returning slyly to take a look at 'kew,' or 'kue.'" The old bill-yard is moderniz-

> THE British Registrar-General gives a weekly account of the rate of mortality in a number of the great towns of the world, and among them he describes the following as having a population exceeding a quarter of a million. First comes London, with its 3,577,304 people. Next then Berlin, with 1,019,620 inhabitants. Philatersburg, 669,741; Bombay, 644,405; Glasgow, 566,940; Liverpool, 532,681; Manchester, with Salford, 530,765 people. All these are above the half-million. Then come Naples, with its 457,-407; Calcutta, with 429,535; Madras, 397,552; Hamburg (the State), 406,104; Birmingham, 383,117; Baltimore, 355,000; Buda-Pesth, 319,-530; Dublin, 314,660; Leeds, 304,948; Amsterdam, 302,266; Sheffield, 289,537; Rome, 282,214; and Breslau, with 267,000 population. Why those cities of phenomenal growth and generous rivalry, Chicago and St. Louis, are omitted from the list is unaccountable.

A STRIKING illustration of the extent and excellence of the arrangements for the international mail service, which have resulted from the postal union, is given in the official publication received by the superintendent of foreign mails, from the Rerne Central Bureau. A resident of Chemnitz, Saxony, mailed at that place May 24th, nine A. M., a postal card addressed to himself, carrying a request to all postmasters to dispatch successively and without loss of time, to Alexandria, Singapore, Yokohama, San Francisco and New York, and thence to Chemnitz, his object being to win a wager that, with the existing arrangements, a circuit of the world could be made by postal matter within 130 days. The request was complied with and the card arrived in Chemnitz from New York, on the 117th tensive journeys, in its migrations, reaching day after the date of the original mailing. The Postmaster-General of Germany has caused this card to be photographed, and transmitted a copy to the Berne International Bureau, with the remark that had it been posted one hour earlier it would have accomplished the journey in ninetysix days.



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the sake of the health which they promote."-HENRY WARD BEECHER.

Amateur Journalism.

WE open this week in THE YOUNG NEW YORK-ER a column which promises to be both lively and interesting-that of "Amateur Journalism." Few have any idea of the extent to which this branch of literature has spread in our days, and it is a matter of just pride to Americans to reflect that in our country alone could the movement have reached its present propor tions. Our American motto, "Give the boy a chance," is one that is almost unknown in Eu- antagonistic. Graceful movements are made rope, where the doctrine that "Boys should be seen and not heard" forms the basis of education in too many cases. Boys and young men, systematically suppressed, seek refuge in each other's society, out of sight of those who should be their wise and sympathizing friends, and the result too frequently is a great deal of mischief that might be obviated were old and young thrown together in more intimate connection. It is in the light of these facts that we regard Amateur Journalism as a good feature of our society, and one to be encouraged by the professional press of the country and by public opinion in general. It is open to the light of day; it reflects the feelings and opinions of the budding talent of our country, and its tendency is healthy and elevating. In these days of universalliterature, almost every young author who fights his way, slowly and through many failures, to a position in the world, has occasion to deplore, again and again, his lack of an early training in He planted his camp-stool in the densest part letters. A manuscript may contain hundreds of of their "rookery," where they crowded about errors that the author never realizes till he sees his work printed, and then it is too late to rectify the mistakes.

Amateur Journalism offers to the young author, full of ideas, but ignorant of the technicalities of style and expression, a good practical school wherein his first mistakes may be corrected, without coming up against him in future years. Being avowedly non-professional work, it meets with kind and discriminating criticism, devoid of the ill-natured carping that prevails in the daily press on professional work. It exercises the highest and best faculties of the young author; leads, if he has real talent, to a future in the world of letters; and gives him a chance to see whether he has mistaken his vocation or

Our Amateur Column gives this week the names of no less than seventy-five journals of more or less circulation, written, printed and twenty-four. This represents only a portion of the whole, but is enough to show that the Amateur Press is a healthy and growing institution. Long may it flourish and increase.

The Walking Fever.

WE seem to be likely to have enough athletic sports this winter, and the walkers especially | story in the London Field. He says:

ing a hundred miles in twenty-four hours, dur- being that he was to clean it in the veranda.) ing his walk to Chicago, it was looked on, and All my other servants also denied having touchover the question, "Can it be done?"

the feat has been performed by so many, that it carpenter wasps, though generally harmless in almost escapes attention that a woman has suc- their choice of sites for their nests, might cause a ceeded therein, and she is dismissed with a few great deal of harm, as, had I fired off walking fever set in in America, we have be- rel, it must, I think, have inevitably burst. come so much accustomed to wonderful per- Other kinds of wasps there are who make tion. We have gone so far ahead of all previous spiders. These wasps are very common in Inrecords that nothing can command public notice | dia, and build their nests on the sides of portnow, unless it be a surpassal of everything now | manteaux and doors, and other places. I should accomplished. The great interest of the contest | state that my rifle was on a table, on which I between Campana and O'Leary lies in the ex- keep all my ammunition. pectation that each man will go as much as 540 miles in the six days, before he stops, and after that time we may expect a collapse of interest in the long-distance matches, simply because no one else is likely even to equal, much less sur-

Hare and Hounds.

SEEING that public interest in this sport is fast increasing, we warn our suburban readers that the second meet of the Westchester Hare and Hounds will take place on Christmas morning, at ten o'clock, sharp. The start will be from Schroder's Hotel, near the entrance of Woodlawn Cemetery. The "Hares" will be Messrs. Frank Banham and W. S. Vosburgh; the master of the hunt, Colonel Delancey Kane, and the first and second whips, Messrs. J. B. Haviland and James Lowe.

An enthusiastic "Hound" writes us that they intend taking a little breather of twenty miles across country on this occasion, and it is to be hoped that they will not be interrupted by deep snow, though a light coat would be very nice for the "Hounds," to aid them in tracking.

Skating.

WHAT fielding skill is in the game of base-ball, so is grace of movement in the art of skating-it is the most attractive feature of the sport. A man may be able to accomplish the most difficult of the feats of the fancy skater's programme of movements, and yet, if he be devoid of grace in the accomplishment of his task, he fails lamentably in giving a finish to his otherwise complete performance. Look at yonder skater executing the "grape-vine twist," the "figure threes and eights," the "flying threes," the "spread eagle," and all the other varied movements of the expert's repertoire of fancy skating, and see how his arms fly from his body, how ungainly he moves his legs, bends his knees "All out-door games, athletic sports, rowing, ball and twists and turns his body. He accomames, etc., OUGHT TO BE ENCOURAGED, for plishes each figure he attempts, but in what ice well enough, but what a figure he cuts in

In fact grace is half the merit of skating, and without it all the skill of execution is but of secondary importance. The skater who does the outside roll with perfect grace of motion really accomplishes more than he who can execute nearly every figure of the Skating Congress programme without it. It is a pleasure to see the one move on the ice. It is annoying to see the other do so much and do it so ungracefully. "But what is grace?" says some juvenile reader. As applied to physical things it is a quality which arises from a combination of elegance of form and ease of attitude and motion. As Milton says: "Grace was in all her steps." Grace and rapidity of motion are, in a measure, without apparent effort. A graceful position or movement on skates should invariably be natural and devoid of affectation. One of the greatest obstacles to grace of movement on skates is the motion of the arms. The tendency they have to fly off at a tangent, and to make acute angles of themselves greatly interferes with the desire to move gracefully. To make your arms feel at home in a natural position while you are going through your fancy figures, in the first lesson in the art after you have learnt to move on skates with confidence.

Courage and nerve are essential qualifications as a skater. Fear of a fall is a strong barrier to progress in a practical knowledge of the art, and the nerve required to attempt some difficult feat or other involving risks of a severe fall is a very necessary accompaniment.

Among the Penguins.

A GENTLEMAN who passed some days sketching in the Falkland Islands had many opportunities of observing the penguin population; and he declared them to be the most intelligent, impudent and inquisitive of the feathered tribe. him, picked the buttons off and frayed the tails of his coat, walked about his drawing materials, and altogether behaved themselves as if he had been sent for their special entertainment. Fear there was none, or rather it was all on the side of the man, for nothing but an occasional vigorous use of a walking stick enabled him to maintain his ground and finish the beautiful series of water-color drawings which we had the pleasure afterward of exam-

The structure of these birds should not be for long-continued diving by enlargement to the breeding and flying of the famous Belgian or Antwerp carriers. instead of singly, the whole process resembling more nearly the shedding of a snake's skin than the moulting of a bird.—Chambers' Journal.

Queer Wasp's Nest.

A GENTLEMAN in India tells the following are in full force. Not only are O'Leary and | "Once I observed that the barrel of my Mar-Campana to try conclusions at Gilmore's in a | tini-Henry sporting rifle was stopped up with six days' "trot," but Madame Anderson is going | mud at the end. I called the man that looks afto walk for nearly a month in Brooklyn, and ter my fire-arms, and asked him if he knew any-May Marshall has just beaten her man in a hun- thing about it. He said he had no idea how it dred-mile-match, inside of twenty-four hours. | had got stopped up, as he had never taken it out When Weston first attempted the feat of do- of the house, even when cleaning it (my orders justly, as a very daring undertaking. All the ed it. I told him then to set to work and clean papers teemed with accounts of the trials and | it, and on his knocking the mud out of the barfailures, and public interest was greatly excited rel. we discovered five green caterpillars in the mud (which was made like an oval cell), which This was ten years ago, and since that time | proved the truth of the man's statement. These lines of comment. The truth is that, since the the rifle with the mud in the end of the barformances that they no longer excite much atten- | their cells of mud, but they fill their cells with

Wild Horses in Kansas.

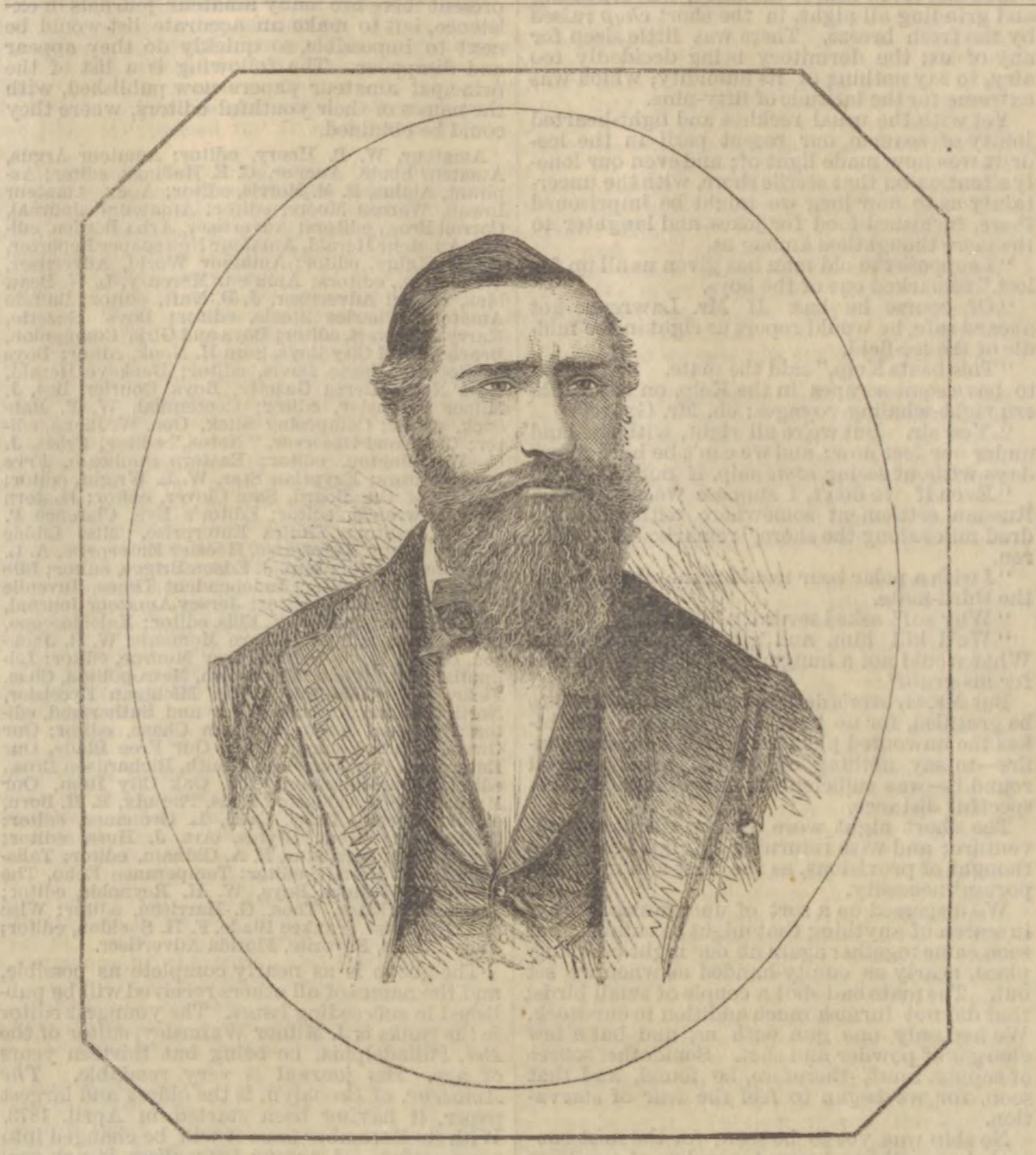
fever has been perhaps the most beneficial of all | ish conquest of the country. It has been exceed- eyes of different colors, and is very rare. Chap | would be difficult to try them in India, in conto our self-respect in the athletic sense of the ingly difficult to capture them, the method pur- khals may be mated together if they both have sequence of the numerous kites and hawks. world. Europeans were accustomed to sneer at | sued having been to run down and lasso them | the right or both the left wing colored. The plain | No attempts have yet been made to establish capacity and challenged us to produce an equal The method is, to get up an outfit of a fast- khal, if well-marked, is by far the rarest.

and ponies are not driven any faster than a walk, use in the Soudan the Khedive's tame Indian breakfast, and start again. This is kept up day from Cairo to Dufli, in equatorial Egypt, Pacific Life.

Elephants as Explorers.

time when the iron horse will find its way goes-flee at the approach of the great creatures thither. The success which has attended Colo- quietly driven by men seated on their heads. nel Gordon's experiment in turning to practical | Exchange.

and every opportunity is made of cutting across | elephants, which have been eating their heads to save distance. The wild horses are kept in off in idleness so long at Cairo, will no doubt motion until dark, being given no opportunity lead not only to the use of the Indian eleto graze during the day. At night they are too | phants in Africa, but also to the training of tired to graze, and will lie down. The pursuers the native variety to purposes of commerce. camp, feed their horses from grain, which they An African specimen, which accompanied carry with them, and are up by daylight, have the Indian elephants in their long journey after day. Every day takes some of the scare is reported as being in good health and and wild out of them; they become accustomed amenable to discipline; and there is little to the sight of men on horseback and the team, doubt that with the assistance of competent Infind they are not going to be hurt by them, and, | dian elephants to capture, tame, and teach the body and leg-weary from constant travel and African variety, these animals might be made as little feed, in from eight to ten days will allow useful in their native country as the others are the men to ride in among them and drive them in Asia, Three important points at least have in any direction. They are then headed for the been proved by Colonel Gordon-that the Inranch, and are quite tame and docile by the dian elephant will live and endure hardships time they get in. They are of the pony order, and privations in the most trying parts of Afrisuch as are used in the cattle business, make | ca, and with unaccustomed kinds of food, swimgood riding ponies, and, when thoroughly ming rivers and crossing deserts with equal fabroken to ride, sell at \$15 to \$25 per head, and | cility; that the African variety can be tamed when to drive, at from \$60 to \$75 per span. - and pressed into the service of man; and that the native Africans can be taught to tend and drive their enormous charges as well as the Indian trainers. Two important features in connection with the employment of elephants in Failing speedier means of locomotion in Africa are that the animal is proof against the Africa, elephants promise to become important attacks of the detested tsetze fly, which neither aids to the future development of traffic with horses nor cattle can endure, and that the nathe interior of the dark continent, pending the | tives-so far, at least, as our present experience



JOHN VAN OPSTAL.

THE CARRIER PIGEON FANCIER OF NEW YORK.

Mr. John Van Opstal is a gentleman of New York City who has become noted as an importer, passed by without a word of comment, so ad- breeder and flyer of carrier pigeons. Among the rapidly increasing fanciers of this interesting mirably adapted is it to their mode of life. The bird he stands foremost for the intelligence, perseverance and success with which he has sought

fore limbs—which in most other birds are wings
—are flattened out into a pair of broad swim
both the highest development of the breed, and the popularizing of the flying of them.

He was born in the city of Antwerp, Belgium, June 16th, 1828, and is therefore fifty years of ming paddles covered with scales, enabling the age. He came to the United States in 1856, when twenty-eight years old, and now speaks and bird to follow its prey beneath the water with | writes the English language with the greatest fluency. In Belgium the breeding and flying of a swiftness, grace and ease contrasting re- pigeons, for pleasure or profit, are almost universal among all classes of the people. It is stated markably with its awkward movements on that at least one person out of every three is the owner of pigeons, and the whole number of birds land. The feet are broad and partially in the country is not less than five millions. Generally twenty birds are kept, but some keep as webbed, and the leg is modified in order to many as one hundred. Mr. Opstal was only twelve years old when he became a pigeon-fancier in give stability to the body. Provision is made his native country, and when he came to the United States he already possessed full knowledge as

of the veins, which thus retain and act Mr. Van Opstal is a large man, erect in carriage, and polite in manners. His face shows both as reservoirs for the vitiated blood until it can be his intelligence and penetration of character. Few subjects escape his observation and underpublished by boys of all ages, from thirteen to rendered aërated by breathing. The bones are standing. On the subject of the Antwerp carriers he is an enthusiast, and he will entertain a perfilled with oily marrow, and the feathers are son for hours with interesting facts about them. He has also written much on the subject for the exceedingly compact and well adapted to resist press. He is at the head of the New York Club, an organization devoted to the breeding and fly- low the water to become stagnant. The plants water. When moulting, the penguin avoids ing of these pigeons. The number of individuals interested in them throughout the country is al water, and the feathers come away in patches, ready surprisingly large, and it is still increasing.

Indian Pigeons.

ALL over Southern Europe, Asiatic Turkey, | There is also a well-known breed of pigeons in Egypt, Persia and India, pigeons are kept in India, called Sherazies, from the Persian town at Venice, is famous for the beautiful doves that low, or slate-colored. The bird is white, except | not much difference between them now. In the mabuild their nests up among the domes of the the wings and head; crossing a Sheraze with a jority of New York city papers Worcester is the cathedral; while the mosques of Turkey and khal will sometimes produce a chap khal. Good Egypt devote a regular annual sum of money to specimens of pigeons are as rare in India as in feeding their flocks of pet pigeons.

most attention is paid to breeding curious vari- any value.

fancier have been exceedingly diverse from the ary Sherazi pigeons are very common in India, European standard. Generally speaking, little | but really good ones are very rare and expen- is the average weight and hight for a boy of sevenattempt has been made to alter the form of the sive; they can only be procured as a favor, and bird; but every effort has been used to secure | when you have got them you will often find that strange and bizarre combinations of color and you have not received breeders. The fact is, no maker, and have to do some pretty heavy work. singularity of marking. The most celebrated | doubt, that the natives value them too highly to | am very healthy. I have been in four races, and breed is that known as the Khal. There are wish to make them common. several varieties of this breed; the great peculi- There is a very handsome breed called Sabz | run very well." Answer. You are well up to the arity is that the young are white, except the Patez; it has beautiful green and blue plumage, average hight and weight. The best exercise for an upper part of the head and the tail. As they with red eyelids, a small crest, and a white ring get older they become speckled, but the speckles | round the neck; the bars are black, like those of must be of a pure red or yellow, any other color | the blue rock. The Yahoo, or laugher, is a | man who does nothing but row, exercises only the being objectionable, and the speckles must not white bird, that makes a sound like its name. back and loins, and does not develop his lungs at come in blotches. The birds must be small, The Shiftern is something like a khal, but it has the same rate as his muscles. This is now well without black on the feet or beaks, and with a the speckles of mixed colors, and is not nearly well-marked white eyebrow. Very often the so rare.

outside tail feathers are white.

England, and much more difficult to procure. It is in India and Persia, however, that the The pigeons that are hawked about are never of

The Sheraze is a splendid breed, and the best cities.

In Northern India the natives are very fond The different colors are bred together, and it of high-flying pigeons; they go up out of sight is quite uncertain what colors the young will and stav up for hours. This pigeon is a comtake. For example, two black khals may have mon-looking bird; the best are generally white, vellow khal young ones, and every now and then with black speckles, and a white eye. The



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KNICKERBOCKER wants to know where to get a geologist's hammer and how much it will cost? ANswer. At any first-class city hardware store they will be able to make one to order at a probable expense inside of five dollars, more likely about

LADDIE. Your MS. is received. While it is well and carefully written, it is somewhat too didactic in tone for our columns. We should prefer you to choose some more lively and interesting field than that of the moral essay, as we wish to make THE Young New Yorker bright and sparkling, as well

Subscriber, Chicago, asks: "Where to get a good book on poultry?" He further says: "THE YOUNG New Yorker is the best paper I ever took." ANswer. Many thanks for your praise. We mean to keep the paper up to the mark, and our only change will be to raise it still higher. We can get you the best books on poultry. Prices range from \$1 to \$10, according to elaboration of cuts, etc.

NIMROD asks: "1st. Where can I buy a second-hand pair of "song and dance" shoes? 2d. Where is the best place to buy ready-made costumes in New York? 3d. Is there any book printed that teaches how to play tambourine and bones? 4th. Where can I get first-class New Year's cards?" Answer. 1st. From a performer who needs them no longer, 2d. At a professional costumer's. There are plenty of them, chiefly in the Bowery and Fourth avenue. 3d. The instruments are too simple to require books of instruction. 4th. At a first-class job printer's.

Jockey asks for a list of all horses that have made the fastest time, from one to ten miles, and under what circumstances? ANSWER. Trotting, one mile, Rarus, 2:13 1-2; two miles, Flora Temple, 4:50 1-2; three miles, Huntress, 7:21 1-4; five miles, Lady Mack, 13:00; ten miles, Controller, 27:23 1-4. Pacing, one mile, Billy Boyce (saddle), 2:14 1-4; two miles, Hero, 4:56 1:2; three miles, Oneida Chief (saddle), 7:44. No record for five and ten miles. Running, one mile Ten Broeck, 1:39 3-4; two miles, Ten Broeck, 3:27 1-2; three miles. Ten Broeck, 5:26 1-2. No record for five and ten miles.

AMATEUR, Toronto, Opt., asks: "1st. What is the best standing high jump that has been made for some previous years? 2d. Who is the highest kicker of the United States, and how high has he kicked? 3d. Have you ever heard of one who goes by the two-mile walker of America; he is a butcher by profession, and resides here in Toronto." ANSWER. 1st and 2d. E. W. Johnson, of your own town, has the best record on both feats, or had until very recently. 3d. We do not think "Simon" is the best two-mile walker in America. T. H. Armstrong, of New York, has made the best time so far.

TROTTING Mad asks: "How many American horses have trotted a mile in less than 2:20, and what are their records?" Answer. Rarus, 2:13 1-2; Goldsmith Maid, 2:14; Hopeful, 2:14 3-4; Lula, 2:15; can Girl, 2:16 1-22; Occident, 2:16 3-4; Gloster, 2:17; Dexter, 2:17 1-4: Edwin Forrest, 2:18; Great Eastern, 2:18: Judge Fullerton, 2:18; Nettie, 2:18; Red Cloud, 2:18; Lady Maud, 2:18 1-4; Lady Thorn, 2:18 1-4; Lucy, 2:181-4; Midnight, 2:181-4; Col. Lewis, 2:181-2; L. Young, 2:19 1-2; Adelaide, 2:19 3-4; Camors, 2:19 3-4; Flora Temple, 2:19 3-4. This makes thirty-five

Young Gardener asks how to make a cranberry bed? Answer. Cranberries are generally grown in natural swamps, but artificial beds are thus formed: Those who contemplate them ought to consider first where a good supply of water can be had; then, seposed, have a bed of the required width excavated to the depth of five feet, and puddled with clay sufficiently to hold water. Secure a waste pipe, say brought about by placing some clay around the pipe should not be put in too thickly together, because in a few years they grow rapidly, and if crowded do

GASPAR, Brooklyn, asks: 1st, What is the standard dictionary in the highest colleges of our country? d. How are the names "Chaco." "Doud" and "Iago," pronounced? 3d. What is the present population of Brooklyn and New York?" Answer. 1st. enormous numbers. The square of St. Mark's, of Sheraz; these birds may be black, red, yel- rather fuller than that of Worcester, but there is standard on spelling. 2d. "Chaco" is pronounced Tchah-ko; "Iago" is sounded E-ah-go; "Doud" is bably show nearly two millions between the two

The points of beauty valued by the Indian | have several points to be attended to. Ordin- | True, Albany, writes: "Will you tell me if five feet six inches, and one hundred and seventeen pounds have won every time easily. I like running, and I oarsman is running. To row long races requires plenty of "wind," that is, large lungs; and nothing exercises the lungs so much as running. An oarsknown, and oarsmen, whether in single or crew competitions, do a great deal of running when they

GREENHORN asks: "1. What is a junior under boating rules? 2. What is meant by best and best boats? Answer. 1. The definition of a junior oarsman or sculler varies in different localities. They are all adaptations of the recognized English laws, which It is a well-known fact that from time imme- a chap khal—that is a bird with the markings hawks catch great numbers of them, and the are as follows: "Oarsmen are juniors if they have pass, the American records of Christmas Week, morial herds of wild horses have roamed over previously described, but with one wing color- kites also. They are often seen hunting them in never been winners of any race except a private the plains of Southwestern Kansas. Their origin ed, the other perfectly white. A chap pigeon couples, one above and one below the pigeons. match, or one in which the competition was con-We have had many fevers, and the walking no man knows. It may date to the early Span- is as remarkable as an animal would be with These high-flyers might be good carriers, but it fined to members of one club only; or a race between college crews, members of the same university; or stricted. Scullers are juniors if they have never been winners of any race except a private match, or us for want of muscle and power of endurance. with fleet horses. Latterly, however, it has khal, with the competition was confined to mem-John Bull was especially proud of his walking been found that the climate of our South- bers of our south- b ern States would offer an excellent chance to tion of the louts was restricted. Special cases capacity and challenged us to produce an equal of Captain Barclay. Weston and many others have since proved that Americans can out-walk blave since proved that Americans can out-walk Englishmen, as well as out-shoot them, and now we look to the Campana match to clinch the nail of athletic superiority.

The method is, to get up an outfit of a fast-walking team on a wagon carrying provisions, and three or four riding provisions, and three or four riding

CRY OF A STRONG MAN.

BY MRS. C. M. FAIRCHILD.

My boat is drifting with the tide, The noon of life is past,

All silently the waters glide, And steady stands the mast; There's now small sign of wreck or storm Around my bark's strong hold,

Or tracery of the lightning's track Where threatening billows rolled. Lo! he who sees me now will say The light is on the river-

But, mother, I am lost to-day,

I need thee more than ever. There was a time—oh happy thought— I felt thy gentle hand,

Ere yet the mariner had brought My boat from sight of land. There was a shore I lingered near A morning and a day,

Ere youth, grown tired of sky too clear Sailed recklessly away. But they who see me now will say The light is on the river-

Oh, mother, I am lost to-day, I need thee more than ever. Oh, could one hour of youth come back-

Had I thy gentle hand To lead me toward the certain track Where lies my dwelling land-Ah, stronger than the words of men,

Or gentler ones who smile, Would be that clasp I've longed to reach O'er many a weary mile.

For though they look at me and say The light is on the river— Dear mother, I am lost to-day, I need thee more than ever.

I see in dreams thy gentle eyes Bent on me from above: I feel their glance of sad surprise-I know thou wouldst reprove.

For hardened heart and brow so stern, And face set 'gainst the world-As Saul's against the song of him Who fled from javelin hurled;

Lo! he who sees me now may say The light is on the river; But, mother, I am lost to-day, I need thee more than ever .- Hawkeye.

The Tiger Tamer:

THE LEAGUE of the JUNGLE

A TALE OF INDIA.

BY CAPT. FREDERICK WHITTAKER.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE RESIDENT. SIR DOUGLAS MCGREGOR was smoking his hookah after breakfast, a short time before sunrise, and while the air was still cool and comfortable. The inhabitants of India, white and black, acquire habits of early rising in that scorching climate, and Sir Douglas was an old Anglo-Indian. He lay in a grass hammock under the broad-spreading veranda, and lazily watched the wreaths of smoke from the bowl of his pipe, when he was startled by an exclamation of terror from one of the native servants that waited near him. The next moment there was a scramble and shuffle of bare feet and the Resident was left alone on the veranda, while the noise of slamming doors showed that the servants had fled into the house and shut the

doors on themselves. Instantly Sir Douglas realized that some danger was at hand, for he knew the cowardly nature of the natives too well to doubt that they had left him to save their own necks.

He sat up in the hammock in amazement, and even his tough nerves winced and the blood stood still at his heart, as he perceived, not twenty feet from him, a huge tiger, slowly waving its tail to and fro, and gazing wistfully at the hammock.

Sir Douglas McGregor was a man of great courage, but he was alone and unarmed. Moreover, the apparition of the tiger came so suddenly, that he had no time to think; and it is no wonder that he turned pale, while the sweat rolled off his forehead in big drops. However, all his fear did not make him lose his presence of mind, so he looked round him with the view of making a rush for the house door before the tiger made an aggressive movement.

He was just drawing up his legs preparatory to a leap, when a hand was laid on his shoulder, and a voice said, in the precise labored English of a native gentleman who has learned from

"I hope that Sir Douglas McGregor will not allow the presence of my tigress to incommode him. Seevah is quite harmless, unless I bid her be otherwise." The old Scot turned his head and met the eyes

of Govinda, who stood beside the hammock looking down at him. The Resident was too much accustomed to concealing his feelings to allow any token of his recent terror to appear, so he affected to yawn as he answered: "Oh, is that you? The man Major Charlton

spoke of, I suppose. You have a fine animal there. Would you be so good as to call out for my servants? That rascal of a hookah-bearer has run away." Govinda looked down at the old minister with

a dubious sort of smile, and responded: "I think that for our purposes it shall be advisable to retain the domestics in ignorance of the purport of our conversations, Sir Douglas. You will observe me, that I speak the English as facile as formerly. I did bring with me this tigress of mine on purpose to secure an interview with your excellency that should be entirely undisturbed."

Sir Douglas McGregor turned round and looked at the tiger-tamer from under his shaggy brows for a moment, and then swung himself half out of his hammock muttering: "You'll have what I please, not what you

He had got thus far and his feet were almost on the floor, when Govinda made a signal. In a moment the tigress rushed forward with such an appalling growl and snarl, that Sir Douglas caught up his legs into the hammock with alacrity and dropped the mouthpiece of his long

snake-like hookah. With an air of the most refined politeness,

intended him, but that I prefer that our inter- pore." view should be entirely private. It is useless to Govinda's eyes glittered and the old Scot heard | "Better leave him alone Sir Douglas," re- "At once, Khoda." attempt the evasion of my purpose, while See- the grating of his teeth in the gloom. vah is here."

sulky tone:

of you, Sir Douglas. I was informed by the be first in the jungle to being second in a which Govinda had taken. She did not like the man had finished, the old one observed: commandant of the guards at Jagpore that you | palace." wished to see me. I am here. What would Sir Douglas shrugged his shoulders.

"What is your name and who are you?" "Men call me the King of the Jungle, some

Govinda, the Tiger-Tamer." "But your real name—what is it?"

"Dead, twenty years since." the gloom of the early dawn.

"What was it twenty years since?" "It was that of a man who hated you English, and never turned his back in battle."

The tiger-tamer shook his head gloomily. "Perhaps not. Who can tell the decrees of and you know it." God? He may come to life again, to the sorrow the jungle—the home to which you and yours think." have driven me."

and be at peace, if you are treated reasonably," and let me know."

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and let me know."

A few minutes later, gun in hand, he was dancer from Delhi, and that she was brought in son who shall be nameless in a place that you as you know-"

ed him keenly and went on:

over it. If you do as I wish you and your twenty years ago, the people of this unhappy his unwonted exertions.

jungle, where they dared not follow. Alone, leaped from the hammock to follow her. He "Send for that new Nautch-girl. By the beard "But for all that, he was beaten, Govinda. itage by lies and force, assumed as they would vanished.

of you English. What do you wish to say to | Sir Douglas's tone was decidedly ill-tempered. | ard. me? The sun will rise, and I must depart to "For the present, yes. I must have time to He rushed to the back door of the Residency, little at fault.

"I wish to know whether you will hear reason | vinda, at present? Very well, take your time | ed into the house, scolding and striking right | "Your Highness is aware, I suppose," he be-

know of, and we do not want to take more ter- "You will keep your word-of course. All of the burnt jungle. know of, and we do not want to take more territory on our hands. If we support you and your race, except one, had the virtue of truth Just as he was considering about what to do Where is she?" the better, I think."

broad chest and was silent. Sir Douglas watch- "What! Has the Sahib Commissioner Resi- Rajah's guard. dent found out his mistake at last? Well, it was "Glad to see you, major," panted the Resi- The Rajah Ram Sing started up in his chair,

under the sun and the stars, I have defied the power of the white lords of India, who stole our herest thicket that bordered the garden, and there she my Zenanah. Send for her at once."

kicked and shouted like a maniac till it was The Queen of the Nautch-girls had disap-"Oh, very well-what shall I call you?-Go- opened by the terrified servants, and then dash- peared. "The fact is that we are getting tired of a per- said the tiger-tamer, gravely. "If I promise, tracking the tigress across the garden and fol- by the Major Sahib."

forgive the past, will you stick by the British in them. As for him, the less we say about him to follow to the best advantage, he heard his "Your Highness will have to ask the Major

The Rajah had slept off the effects of his last He was no coward, but he was a fool. Were he best serve your purpose. I have made brethren The old Resident was a keen sportsman and night's potations of 'Sham"-alias champagne alive now, he would be more sensible, I think." of the wild beasts, because I found them better his blood was up. He had felt intensely irri- - and he was much in the condition of any other friends than men. Your men cannot take me, tated at the humiliating position in which he spoiled child who wanted to be amused. Khoda had been kept by Govinda and was determined Khan was accustomed to these moods and dex-"Then, in plain words, you refuse to promise." to find out the secret of his retreat at any haz- terous in finding sports to divert the attention of his master from business, but this time he was a

lowed the trail till it entered the black ground "Yes, I know all about it. The Major Sahib is my best friend, Khoda. He brought her here.

name called out, and saw Charlton riding to- Sahib," replied Khoda with a significant leer. Govinda drew back, folded his arms on his Govinda laughed bitterly. ward him followed by an escort of sowars of the "He has taken her away again, possibly to enhance her value."

"Don't be a fool a second time, but think time. Had the Company treated me rightly ident, who was beginning to lose breath from and the veins in his forehead swelled out, as he ejaculated: "Where is the dog? How dared he? Who

am I to be treated like this by a Frank—an infidel-a-a-" He paused and spluttered with indignation, while Khoda respectfully waited, with his eyes cast down, till his master's wrath should permit

a word. "Where is the Major Sahib?" finally bellowed the Rajah, in tones of intense fury.

"He has gone forth to see the Resident Sahib, my lord," replied the minister, glibly and obse-This was another stab; for Ram Sing hated

Sir Douglas McGregor with a hatred all the more intense that he was dreadfully afraid of the old Resident.

"What is he doing there?" he asked, savagely. "I pay him to stay here, not to bear tales

"Your Highness is not aware then that this American is a great favorite with the Ingleez Sahib. They see each other almost daily. The major was there yesterday before the jungle fire, and tried to persuade the Sahib Resident that your Highness's court was full of Thugs." Here Khoda bent his eyes on the floor with an air of pious and saintly resignation that was

very affecting. The Rajah looked startled and frightened. "Thugs! here in my court! The man must be mad. There are no Thugs left in Hindostan, are there?"

Khoda smiled with a sneering expression. "How could there be in your Highness's dominions, with the Major Sahib for chief of the guards? The major wished to give the Resident an opportunity to interfere with the rule of your Highness, to break the succession, per-

The Rajah Ram Sing was half angry and half terrified now. "I want no interference here, and I will have none. I will send this Major Sahib about his business. Whose dog am I to be treated thus?

He can leave me to-morrow." "Your Highness forgets," said the oily tones of Khoda, "that the Sahib Resident has determined that the American must stay with us, whether we will or no. He threatens, if we send him away, to order in a British force and to dismiss your Highness's guards altogether. We cannot get rid of the major that way."

"Then how, in the name of Allah? Oh boppery bop! speak out, Khoda-what mean you?" "The major must have an accident, out hunting," responded the crafty minister, smiling and rubbing his hands. "He told your Highness that it would be well to take a ride daily. think he was right. Let your Highness order a grand hunt, with the Major Sahib for escort. He shall never come back."

"But how will you manage it, Khoda?" "Dread lord, he says there are Thugs here. Suppose they catch him alone." "But there are no Thugs in my dominions," urged the Rajah, looking apprehensively round.

Khoda laughed in low sneering tones. "There are none here, but they can be found if a prince has a minister who is faithful and discreet. Let your Highness order the hunt. will answer for the Major Sahib."

The Rajah Ram Sing looked half admiringly, half fearfully at Khoda Khan, for that powerful rascal was overmastering, as usual, the weaker scamp. The prince was as yet but a young man in years, though old in dissipation and extravagance. He had been a boy of ten at the time of the mutiny of 1857, and had been put on the throne as a puppet by the East, India Company in place of his elder brother, Arjuna, who had joined the rebellion with all his heart and soul, and disappeared at the siege of Delhi in one of the final battles there. It was Sir Douglas Mc-Gregor himself who had raised Ram Sing to the throne, principally because of his youth and pliability, but since that day the old Scot had found reason to regret his choice more than

The boy had compensated for his weakness of character by exhibiting a fondness for dissipation surprising even in a Rajah of Jagpore, and at twenty-eight years of age resembled a fat man of fifty, thanks to regular morning draughts of ghee or melted buffalo butter, and to evening banquets on champagne and spiced

This fat, timid, sensual, cruel, tyrannical creature, who could smile at an execution and yet fainted with terror at the sight of a loose tiger, was now as wax in the hands of Khoda.

"You are my preserver," he ejaculated. "Rid me of this impudent American, and you shall have all his savings."

Khoda's eyes sparkled with avarice; for he knew that Charlton, who had once been the Rajah's first favorite, had accumulated a great stock of jewels, which he always carried about him, as if in momentary expectation of leaving the country. Khoda longed for these jewels

"Your Highness shall be rid of him, if I am allowed full liberty, but no questions ought to be asked by any one, if the enterprise is to be accomplished successfully."

"Do as you please, Khoda; do as you please. What shall we do to-day?" "If your Highness permits, I would say that

the hunt should be ordered to-day. The Major I order the hunt?"

of Jagpore. Sir Douglas was about to jump up plied Charlton gravely. "I've news for you, The Rajah's eyes glowed with rage as he "They tell me he has tried to steal your child and follow, when he was arrested by a warning sir. The Thugs were after me only yesterday, moved restlessly about on the divan where he the proffered pipe with a slight bow, after which sort of way; "and I hear also that he tried to amiable quadruped crouching as if to spring. found the names of five in one gang, and Mirza from the saloon to give the orders which were to marshal hundreds of men at a few minutes'

as he sunk back in the hammock, when the once and turned to Charlton with a series of cross- In the saloon were none left but his slaves tigress at once rose to her feet and stood looking | questions that soon elicited the whole of his ad- | with their fans, and the great man had no one "That is the question for myself to demand | "It is free, and I am the master. I prefer to anxiously off across the lawn in the form of con-

"You were a foolish young fellow not to As he lay there, fidgeting and frowning, the

"Who is it! Go and see quick! Are you all A rush of obsequious servants to the window

was followed by the report that the "Major I "Tell him I wish to see him-instantly!" cried



While little ones all lightly sleep Old Father Time begins to chime The Christmas carols, sweet and deep,

Above the moonlit snow and rime. Oh, loud he rings above the roofs:

While curly heads in drowsy beds

Half-listen for the reindeer-hoofs

To rattle o'er the frosty leads.

Then, in their sleep they stir, and dream

The sound that steals, the fairy peals Flung out by Santa Claus's team; And feel the power of fairy spells.

of a week."

Pull, pull away, old Father Time! And let each bell, with gladness, tell How Christmas Day in Christian clime, Makes youthful hearts with rapture swell!

Govinda lifted the mouthpiece and presented | child are safe on a throne. Refuse and go back | land might be prosperous to-day, and you know | "Send a man back for my horse, and let three | Sahib will soon be back from his visit to the the tube to Sir Douglas, calmly observing:

"I beg to assure the Resident that no harm is "I beg to assure the Resident that no harm is mountebank before the present Rajah of Jag
"I beg to assure the Resident that no harm is mountebank before the present Rajah of Jag
The tall figure turned and vanished round the That Govinda's been here, and I want to find made up his mind to keep him for good. Shall

Sir Douglas showed his coolness by accepting from you," continued the Resident in a reflective growl from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that and Govinda saved my life from the tigress, and discovered that life from the tigress is the tigress of the tigress. he puffed away in silence for some minutes, kill you by setting a wild tiger at you. Now I "It's clear that our estimable friend does not Baba is one of them." buried in thought. At last he said, in a rather should say that to a man of your race this life wish to be dogged," said the Resident to himself wish to be dogged," said the Resident to himself wish to be dogged, and in thought. At last he said, in a rather should say that to a man of your race this life wish to be dogged, and in thought. you lead must be tiresome-"

"Well, what do you want?" Govinda raised his hand to interrupt him.

of little consequence to the Government. I sup- the brilliant markings of her sides and the keep your counsel. I'll have them all now, inside and the Rajah eagerly exclaimed: pose you know that we are aware of your iden- grandly symmetrical form of her body.

tity with a person whose head is forfeit." "I know all, Sir Douglas," answered the over the horizon, and still the great beast stirred tiger-tamer, and as he spoke he drew himself up | not-till the faint sound of a distant whistle Sir Douglas started and peered at the other to his full hight. "Your sowars have sought echoed from the back of the house. Then, away

corner of the house, just as the first rays of the him."

increasing light.

Minute after minute passed; the sun rose fully me for years, and I have wandered in the free like a flash went the tigress, and Sir Douglas | yawned his Highness the Rajah Ram Sing.

Sir Douglas watched her with some interest | bring me that Luchmee you tell of. She's the | clatter of horses' feet in the court-yard of the "Then you refuse to promise? It is a matter to see what she would do, admiring meanwhile worst of the lot. Go back to the Rajah, and palace told of the arrival of a mounted party,

> CHAPTER XVII. KHODA'S PLOT. "Boppery bop! how tired I am, Khoda," Sahib" had arrived.

room.

an air of some hauteur, for he was more than | bridegroom elect, with the old Princess Sapieba, | hours, Ladislas and his bride would be safe | ville club, to be reinstated into the League and Inever resolved to brook no oppression from the aunt to my friend, and mother to Mademoiselle across the frontier.

was his sole greeting, as he stood before the di-

Prince, in a growl like that of a surly dog. the Rajah himself was a Thug.

surprised when Ram Sing stammered:

are mad! The Thugs are all dead long ago." allow me to say that I was yesterday attacked off. my own room."

then, they may come to me next!" Charlton, coolly; "unless, indeed, they rever- have mistaken-" ence you as a chief among princes. In that "No mistake at all!" interrupted the taller course of questioning, conducted to the frontier. case they would refrain from harming you."

of the two, speaking in French. "We know "Lucky for you, Mr. Forster," said the surface."

Section 13 of Rule IV now reads thus: "The bats-

Rajah, hastily. "Do you think so, major?" American thought that he was being imposed | ing feet and the clash of weapons, and I was | ject." on, so he replied:

theless, as I do not wish to be strangled myself, were soldiers in gray watch-coats. the names of the men who are abroad and the the first speaker, opening his own mantle, and receiving the hearty thanks of my friend and caught before touching the ground. men I suspect."

The Rajah looked nervous.

minions of Jagpore."

hastily. "The wretches ought to be punished putting his gloved hand on my shoulder, and -certainly, certainly-Where's Khoda! What pushing me toward the sledge. has become of him?"

orders as I passed in, your Highness." You know you recommended me to ride every plea was received with utter incredulity. day for my health. Khoda has persuaded me "We are not your dupes, count," said the to go hunting to-day, so you must get out officer who had been called Imkoff. "You your escort at once."

allow me to say that, had I known we were long journey which-" going out, I could have ordered the beaters to "Are you mad, or by what right-" began THE declared objects of the National League their posts before sunrise."

relief as Khoda Khan, obsequious as ever, glided manacled, and I was flung into the troitka, base-ball clubs and players." into the room, for the Prince did not like to be with a policeman at my side. left alone with Charlton long.

the room.

here, be sure they know their master and kill subject, as their victim. none without orders."

And Khoda Khan laughed sneeringly. [TO BE CONTINUED—COMMENCED IN NO. 1.]

HEARTS AT HOME.

BY A. P. MORRIS, JR.

When dear ones sever, long to part, And sighs from bosoms steal, Oh, why can not the absent heart Have all those sighs to feel? It would not weep to know them all, "Twere sweet to share each throe, For kindred spirits woo the call To balm affection's woe.

How many hearts are distant now. Where sighs nor words can fly!-Who dream but of a parting vow, Or hope's bright beaming eye! The music of the vow still sounds. Tho' faint has grown hope's lyre, The pulse with lessened vigor bounds,

And eyes with watching tire. Would that the mind could waft afar Its messenger of grief-

Let others share the sighs that are, And mingle with relief. How many myriad thoughts! And how They perish as they come!— Too frail to pen, but aching now

Under Russian Escort.

In sighing hearts at home!

foot, and I'll wait for you there, if you like, the stage a long one." Ladislas, after you have seen the ladies safely

few drops of premonitory sleet lashed my face | saddles. on my homeward route, and to act as what in riage next morning would take place without 1876 and '77, when there was not a season which The above are the essential rules in learning to

sauntered so that the tall men might have a and arduous journey that lay before me. Thugs! here in my palace! Impossible! You | chance of passing me. Those behind me also | That terrible night, and the dark and stormy diminished their speed. I stepped out briskly, day that followed it-I think of them yet as

ceremonious civility, raised my hat.

"Yes, yes, probably they would," cried the you, monsieur. Call them, Imkoff!"

"I hope so, I hope so," spluttered the Rajah, "In the emperor's name!" said the major, sia since.

Stupefied for a moment, I now found my "The Vizier was in the court-yard giving tongue, and vigorously remonstrated, telling my captors that I was an Englishman, a peace-"True, true. We are going hunting, major. ful traveler, and guiltless of any offense. My

had better give your parole not to attempt re-"Certainly, your Highness; but you will sistance, or force us to use violence. In the

"Bon voyage!" sneered the major as I was stringent penalties for the three prominent choice of umpire. This will obviate the Dean busi-The American, obedient to the orders he had dragged away. "Hotter blood than his has evils connected with the professional club playreceived, left the presence of the Rajah, and in cooled, I warrant you, between Siberia and this." ing, and these evils are crooked play, drunkhis lip which Charlton had observed on the day the air, for the carriage had now started, and offense to the most venial. As it is now in the when Govinda tamed the tiger in the palace at such a pace that the Cossacks of the escort League there is no discrimination in the penalty court. However, he said nothing, and Charlton | were compelled to keep their wiry little nags at | inflicted, inasmuch as a player is equally liable was compelled to swallow his anger as he left a hand-gallop. As we flew through the deserted to expulsion whether he sells a game, gets drunk, "He has been to the Resident, and he says an Englishman, quite free from political com- and Nichols were justly expelled from the Louisthere are Thugs here. Is there any danger, plications of any sort, had been thus suddenly ville League club for openly confessed dishonest "None to your Highness. If there are Thugs | but never of a foreigner, still less of a British | and open disobedience of orders. This past sea- | nation neither side.

"It may be necessary to kill another, before post-house, and a fresh relay of horses were har- enness as was Leary of the Manchester club. we have ended our task, your Highness, but nessed and put to. "And now, count, if you Here it will be seen not the slightest discriminathey should be proud to die to serve their mas- will take my advice, and promise to abstain tion was shown in the infliction of the penalties

> "Minsk!" I repeated, half stupefied. horse, smiled.

"It is the nearest fortified place which you employment. you give your parole?"

to be mixed up in one of those wide-spreading | ward reinstated on giving evidence of reforma- | circle. conspiracies in which Poles are so often contion; but the severe penalty of expulsion was not No. 3. Ourside Edge Roll Forward-By cerned, and whose heart, I was aware, was bet- warranted in either case, no more than it was this the skater makes almost half a circle, while ter than his head. As the glare of the torches in Nolan's case whose offense was but insubordi- leaning alternately to the right and left on the fell upon us, I could even guess the cause of the nation. If a player gets drunk, let him feel the outer edge of his skate. It is one of the easiest mistake, for in the hurry of leaving the theater penalty through his pocket. Dismiss him with and most graceful of the programme figures. I had put on the count's loose overcoat of rich forfeited pay, or fine him so many weeks' pay. No. 4. Ourside Edge Roll Backwardsables instead of my own, while in hight and | So in the case of disobedience of orders, let them | This is the same style of movement made | 11-2 Second avenue. my nationality, which was on my lips.

tion, and the chain which fettered my hands equal. was at once removed.

So saying, I wrapped my furred coat more dram of coarse brandy, and chilled as I was by matter what the circumstances may be which backward, the loss of balance being easier. closely around me, and lifting my hat in parting the unusual exposure to the keen night wind. are likely to elicit sympathy for an offender No. 7.—The Cross Roll Forward.—This is salutation to the occupants of the carriage. But I feared to show my face, lest the mistake against honest play. Unless the rule of expel- simply an extension of the lap foot movement turned away. The blackness of the night, as I should be found out too soon for my friend's ling dishonest players is strictly carried out by a sort of reverse of the outside edge roll, in one traversed the wide, ill-lighted streets, seemed safety. The driver clutched the reins, while a every professional association, it will be imposall the darker by contrast with the bright, grim Cossack corporal took his seat beside me, sible to insure honest service in the professional ling most of the difficult figures which follow it. warm theater from which I had just emerged. In the place lately occupied by the Warsaw po- arena in the face of the temptations which ex- No. 8.—The Cross Roll Backward.—The The crisp snow crackled beneath my feet, and a lice agent. The other troopers were in their list. But let it once be understood that any play- same movement, only in a more difficult form,

as I set out, and gave warning of a coming "Forward, there! Push on, men!" cried the barred from further employment in any profes- No. 9.—CHANGE OF EDGE ROLL, FORWARD— No. 9.—CHANGE OF EDGE ROLL, FORWARD— to the barred from further employment in any professtorm, while the cold was intense: more bitter | lieutenant, in Russian, and off we set, amidst | sional nine of repute, and "crooked" play will | BEGINNING EITHER ON OUTSIDE OR INSIDE EDGE. as it seemed to me than any which I had experi- howling snow-flakes. soon be among the things that were. We feel This enables the skater to make a double curved as

Russian capital. My own name was Hugh Fors- and I and my wild guards were far on the road, should have been tempted to do as he has done, should have been tempted to do as he has done. ter, and I had just completed a two years' pro- that I began to reflect that, in providing for the but in justice to the honest class of the fraternity | dextrous turn of the foot from one edge to the bation in the counting-house of the wealthy St. security of Count Ladislas, I had perhaps seri- and for the best interests of professional players of the wealthy St. security of Count Ladislas, I had perhaps seri-Petersburg firm of which my father was the ously compromised my own. My stratagem as a class, it will not do to reinstate any con- side lines of an oblong figure of eight. chief London partner, and was now on my re-turn home. I had, however, accepted an invi-turn home. I had, however, accepted an invi-that it was the rich young Polish landowner as well bid good-by to the quartette of expelled —This is the same, except in its being a backtation from a young Polish noble, with whom I | whom they had dispatched on the dismal jour- | players of 1877. Either that or a return to the | ward movement and more difficult in balancing was on intimate terms, to visit him at Warsaw ney to Siberia; and in all likelihood the mar- old rotten system of the period from 1870 to on the change. England is familiarly known as "best man" interruption, and the newly-wedded pair start was not marked by crookedness.

the Rajah, angrily; and then he sunk back on on the occasion of his wedding. The name of for Italy, unsuspicious of the danger which had his couch, and waited till Charlton entered the this young Pole was Count Ladislas Poniatow- threatened their happiness with shipwreck at "From time to time during the season, The Ex-

He was therefore prepared to witness signs of | same distance from me, whatsoever my rate of | safety of Count Ladislas, and manfully addressconfusion in the other's manner, and was not progression. Thinking I might be mistaken I ed myself to confront the hardships of the long

"To show your Highness that they are not, but in vain. My pursuers were not to be shaken some hideous dream; of the snow, the cutting blasts, the toil to force a way through the drifts, by a gang of Thugs; that I captured five of them | It did not occur to me that my pertinacious | the black pine-woods, the mounted escort, exlast night; that some confederate of theirs who followers were thieves. Street robberies, once changed, at every second stage, for fresh Cosknows the palace well let them out of their cells; unheard of, are still rare within the Russian sacks, and the intensity of the cold, which so bethat they strangled a sentry, and, finally, that | dominions. I was more inclined to believe this | numbed my limbs that, when Minsk was reachthey attacked me last night, a second time, in | pursuit was a mere freak of some half intoxi- ed, I could not stand, and had to be carried into cated idlers, and, knowing the magical effect the presence of the governor, the frozen effigy As Charlton proceeded in his summing up, of politeness on the excitable Sarmatian nature, of a man. Feebly I made my protest. I was the Rajah grew paler and paler, and trembled I turned so as to front the two men, and, with Hugh Forster, a British subject. I had broken

If feel certain of it your Highness. Neverwhom were evidently police, while the others of the irritation the authorities displayed; and belose as I do not wish to be strangled myself were soldiers in gray watch-coats.

Whom were evidently police, while the others of the irritation the authorities displayed; and touch first base before the ball is legally held there. of the irritation the authorities displayed; and touch first base before the ball is legally held there. showing the uniform and medaled-breast of a his beautiful wife, on the occasion of their visit Russian major. "Where loiters the sledge?" to England. There had been, I understood, "And what is the Resident Sahib, going to | As he spoke, my ear caught the jingle of Val- | much dismay, and no small apprehensions, dai bells, and a troitka-a sledge drawn by three | when I had been missing at the marriage cerethe "all"—"and within a few days we expect to wipe out the stain of Thuggee from the dopeace with the czar. I have never been in Rus-

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Base-ball.

I, boiling with passion, and making a desper- of Professional Base-ball Clubs as stated in their "My subjects are ready to go to their posts at | ate effort to shake myself free, but, though I | constitution, are first "to make base-ball playany time, major," said the Rajah, tartly; and dealt a few heavy blows, I was soon over- ing respectable and honorable"; and secondly he turned away his face with a look of great powered by superior numbers, my wrists were "to professional the umpire," and substituting a clause providing

> to puzzle myself by vain efforts to guess why I, nothing of its injustice. In 1877 Hall, Devlin consigned to exile. I had heard of such arrests, play, and Craver for "suspected crookedness" carriage drew up at the door of a low-roofed | rules prevail-Mathews was expelled for drunkfrom useless resistance, I shall be happy to give for offenses as different as possible. The deorders for the removal of that chain around cision in the case of the Louisville players was your wrists. Come, come, sir, I make all al- just and proper. Every "crooked" or dishonlowance for your excitement at the outset of est player should be expelled from every rethe affair, and do not desire to cause you need- putable club or association and debarred from rested me, and who stood beside his reeking cessary to be put down, but they are not offen- lows:

Count Ladislas, that we are anxious to get you dishonesty it is unjust in the other cases, and comparison to that of the outside roll. safe across the Bug, and out of Poland. Will the League at its last Convention should have No. 2. LAP FOOT—AS IN THE FIELD STEP

"It will no longer, count, be necessary that behalf of James A. Devlin, the expelled pitcher on the inside edge. It is in fact an extension of an officer should accompany you," said Lieu- of the Louisville nine of 1877, who has a wife and the plain forward movement, substituting half "No, no, thank you! Never mind me! I can tenant Imkoff, civilly. "Will you drink some child in Canada, it is said, whom he is unable circles on the inside instead of a short and nearfind my way well enough to the Nobles' Club on | brandy before starting? The night is cold, and | adequately to provide for. Unfortunately for | ly straight cut. this player there is a principle involved which is No. 6. INSIDE EDGE ROLL BACKWARD—This I shook my head, and made no articulate re- of too vital importance to the future welfare of is the same movement done backward. It is ply, glad as I should have been of the proposed any professional association to disregard, no more difficult to accomplish than the outer edge er found guilty of fraudulent play will be de- being done backward. enced during the two winters I had spent in the line, the one following the outside edge roll sorry that he line, the one following the outside edge roll sorry that he

The Buffalo Express says:

ski; the marriage was to take place on the mor- the very outset of life's voyage. Could I but press has mentioned the efforts of James A. Devlin, The American came in with a firm step and row; and I had just accompanied the bride and keep up the deception for another twenty-four the expelled "crooked" pitcher of last year's Louis-Marie, to the theater; where an unusually good But what would become of me, or how would direction of the League were fruitless, and as a finale Your Highness sent for me—I am here," performance had attracted half Warsaw.

The carriage lamps flashed past me as the their discomfiture? True I had been arrested to the discomfiture? long line of equipages drove rapidly off, moving | in sheer ignorance of the blunder which prom- to do with the League, he (Devlin) should never re-"Where have you been?" demanded the over the snow with that swift, silent motion, ised to be so profitable to my friend; but I had ceive a reinstatement, and he advised him to look to which always appears so strange and ghostly to had a fair chance of declaring who I was, and some other source for a living. Defeated in this sec-"I have been to report to the Resident that a traveler familiar with the rattle of wheels had chosen willfully, it might be said, to mislead tion, he next turned his attention to the International your Highness's palace is infested with Thugs," over a stone pavement, and the sleet began to the imperial police. I had heard—most resiyour Highness's palace is intested with Thugs," over a stone pavement, and the sleet began to was the uncompromising reply, as Charlton fall more thickly. Suddenly it occurred to me dents in Russia have heard—ugly stories as to organization, and endeavored to persuade them to looked straight into the Prince's face. It must that I was followed. Two tall figures, muffled up what can be done in Muscovy, when it is no work in his favor. He also sent in a petition to that be remembered that, owing to the signal given | with even more precaution than the sharp cold | longer needful to hide the hand of steel with the | committee asking for a reinstatement. After some by Luchmee, Charlton was fully convinced that | dictated, appeared to dog my steps, regulating | glove of velvet. Yet I resolved to play out my | delay the committee have given their decision. The their pace by mine, and keeping always at the part so long as I deemed it indispensable to the vote in the matter stood as follows: Messrs. Spaulding, of Buffalo, and Kelly, of the Manchesters, negative: Messrs. Lynch, of Utica, and Waitt, of St. Louis, affirmative; and Mr. Butler, of Lowell, refused to have anything to do with the subject.' All honor to Messrs. Spaulding, Kelly and

New Base-ball Rules.

Butler for their action in this important matter.

WE have not space this week to do more than give the wording of the new amendments made in the rules of the game at the recent League Convention, and they are as follows:

Section 1 of Rule III now reads: "The pitcher's position shall be within a space of no law, infringed no rule. I claimed my liberty, ground four feet wide by six feet in length, the front "In your own room!" he ejaculated. "Why, "My lords," I said, in the best Polish I could and, after a most severe cross-examination, and line of which shall be distant forty-five feet from the muster-every wearer of a cloth coat is "my a detention of three days, I obtained it, but only center of the home-base, and the center of the square "Very possibly, your Highness," answered lord" in Warsaw or Cracow—"I fear you in a qualified form, being sent back, under es- shall be equidistant from the first and third bases. cort, to Warsaw, and thence, after a rigorous | Each corner of the square shall be marked by a flat iron plate or stone, six inches square, fixed in the

perior officer of the police, who had kept me in | man shall be declared out by the umpire as follows: His companion raised his fingers to his mouth, his charge, as I stepped into the railway car- "If a fair or foul ball be caught before touching the The fat prince was quite innocent and in earn- and gave a long, shrill whistle. It was answer- riage, with my through ticket to London be- ground or any object other than the player, proest, but Charlton did not know this. The ed instantly, and then came the sound of hurry- tween my fingers, "that you are a British sub- vided it be not caught in the player's hat or cap. surrounded and seized by several men, some of whom were evidently police, while the others safety of Count Ponistowski from the very fact.

I have informed the Resident, and given him "Gag him if he calls for help!" commanded indeed, a year afterward I had the pleasure of "If, after three strikes have been called, the ball be catching the ball, evidently without effort to make a

Section 15 of Rule V. reads thus: "Any player running the bases shall be declared "He has taken measures to find them all, horses—came swiftly up. What wild horse mony, but fortunately bride and bridegroom out if, at any time, while the ball is in play, he be and a special occasion the galleries of the court your Highness,"—with a strong emphasis on men, with their fur caps and skeepskin pelisses, were out of Russia before the mistake was dis-

the base-runner, after hitting a fair ball, touches at style of the art.

"Any base-runner failling to touch the base he runs for shall be declared out if the ball be held by a fielder while touching said base, before the base-run-

fere with or obstruct a fielder while attempting to was a close one throughout. No such racketcatch a fair fly-ball or a foul ball, shall be declared playing has ever been seen in the court before, out. If he willfully obstructs a fielder from fielding even with such skilled experts as the New York a ball he shall be declared out, and, if a batted fair ball strike him, no base nor run shall be scored on ball strike him, no base nor run shall be scored on ball strike him, no base nor run shall be scored on ball ows: such ball, but each base-runner shall be allowed to return to the base he left when the ball was hit without being put out.

"If a base-runner in running from home to firstbase shall run inside the foul line, or more than three the last words, namely, "the visiting club shall select that instead, when the chosen umpire is not on hand To accomplish these objects there must be the captains of the opposing clubs shall toss for the

In Rule VII a clause was incorporated providing so doing passed the Vizier. Khoda Khan silver a chill enness, and players betting on games. In the salaamed with an air of the utmost courtesy; through my veins, and almost caused me to punishment for these offenses there should be a but there was the same exasperating smile on become insensible to the rapid motion through gradation of penalties from the most heinous dy the evil of forgiveness, which swayed the umpires last year. Out of all fines imposed, only one was

By Harry Wright's suggestion, the rules on umpirstreets, and long after the suburbs were cleared | breaks his contract or disobeys orders. So says | one shall entitle the batter to his base. This is no and the lights of Warsaw were lost to sight, I Sec. 5 of Article 5 of the League constitution. radical change except that, instead of calling every lost to sight, I sec. 5 of Article 5 of the League constitution. eagerly to Khoda Khan, and said in a trembling continued to ponder over the strange event, and Now this is a very bad policy to pursue, to say third unfair ball, the umpire calls every one up to lows:

The rule abolishing all foul-bound catches, and also the bound-catch from three strikes, was adopted by the votes of the Boston, Syracuse, Buffalo and Cleveland Clubs, the Chicago voting no and Cincin-

son Nolan of the League club of Indianapolis | Section 3 of Rule III was amended by the addition "This is Stainslawow," said a voice that I was 'expelled' for disobedience of orders; and of a clause, proposed by Mr. Johnson, that the um-"But they killed a sentry of my guard, had heard before, speaking in French, as the in the International arena—in which League pire may fine the pitcher from \$10 to \$50, at his discretion, as a penalty for purposely hitting a bats-

Figure Skating on the Ice.

THE Skating Congress of 1868, the last that was held, adopted a code of rules for figure skating contests, which comprise twenty-six sections. They were originally prepared by Mr. Euless annoyance. Should you refuse, your irons forever being employed in a professional club. | gene B. Cook, an enthusiastic votary of skating, must remain on until the governor of Minsk—" But it is very different in the case of a player | who took great pains to establish a permanent guilty of mere disobedience of orders or even | code of rules for skating contests, which he has The junior of the two officers who had ar- of drunkenness. Both are offenses which are ne- fully succeeded in doing. The rules are as fol-

ses which should exclude a player from future No. 1. PLAIN FORWARD AND BACKWARD MOVEMENT.—This is simply the plainest form will pass," he said; "for I need not tell you, In fact, while expulsion is a just penalty for of skating, and the step taken is a short one in

changed the law so as to make expulsion a pen- AND IN CUTTING A CIRCLE.—This is the move-And then flashed upon me, all at once, the key | alty only applicable to dishonest players; for | ment preliminary to the acquirement of the to the enigma that had perplexed me. I had crooked play is a blow aimed at the very life of outside edge roll. It consists of a series of forbeen arrested in the place of my friend and en- professional organizations. In the cases of ward steps in which one foot laps over the tertainer, whom I suspected, rather than knew, Mathews and Leary both players were after- other, thereby obliging the skater to form a

figure we were much alike. I had the presence feel that it "won't pay" to do such things, by While going backward. In doing both of these Manhartan Chess Club.—Café Logeling, No. 49 of mind to repress the indignant protest as to fining them heavily, but do not place such com- rolls the skater, at the finish of each roll, Bowery. paratively minor offenses in the same category | changes the edge slightly so as to obtain the "I will give my parole, since you ask it," I with such rascality as that committed by the necessary impetus for the roll on the other side. said, concealing my face as if to hide my emotion, and the chain which fettered my hands that committee by the necessary impetus for the roll on the other side.

No. 5. Inside Edge Roll Forward—This is the contact of roll on the other side.

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become a good skater.

Rackets.

THE New York Racket Club court was the scene of a very interesting series of matches at English Rackets on December 10th, 12th and 13th, on the occasion of a trial of professional skill between the markers of the Quebec and New York Racket Clubs. The former, Harry Boakes, is an English player of note, well known as a professor of the game in the London Racket Club courts. More recently he was engaged as the professional of the Quebec Club, where he is still the marker. John Mahon is a Canadian, and has played in the Montreal Club. He is the successor of Keating, who was formerly in the New York Club court as professional, and now is the player of Hicks's court in Hoboken. Mahon has shown marked improvement in his play this season, and, though he was previously defeated by Keating, it was expected that he would give Boakes trouble to beat him.

The first day's play was a regular match before a select and fashionable assemblage, and the result was an easy victory for the English player, despite the fact that Mahon showed some very fine play. It was, on the whole, the best display of racket-playing seen in this city for years. Boakes exhibiting masterly skill alike in "service" and "returns," and especially in recovery. The full score is given be-

	GAMES.
1	Boakes 10204102014-15.
	Mahon 0000300100-4.
2	Boakes 4 4 0 0 1 1 1 2 3 0 1 0-16.
	Mahon
3	Boakes
	Mahon 0 0 2 1 0 2 4 2 0 1 0-12.
4	Boakes 20720004-15.
	Mahon 1002004-7.
5	Boakes 4 9 0 1 1-15.
	Mahon 8030-11.
T	otal aces—Boakes 76 Mahon52
A	ces by service—Boakes 26 Mahon22
A	ces by returns—Boakes 50 Mahon30
H	lands put out—Boakes 48 Mahon 48
	ouls Roskes 5 Mahon 7

Highest score in single innings-Boakes, 9; Mahon, 8. Blank scores-Boakes, 18; Mahon, 23. Time of

The second trial was an exhibition affair before invited guests, and though Boakes gave odds he won four out of six games played. The last match of the series was played at the

Club Court on Sixth avenue and Twenty-sixth street, on December 12th. It being ladies' day were graced by an attendance of the beauty and fashion of New York society, which seemed to have a very exciting effect on the contestants, "If a ball be held by a fielder on the first-base before for they both played throughout in the very best

The match on this occasion was the best three in five games. On Monday but five games in all were played, but on Wednesday six had to be finished before Boakes could win. On the 12th "Any base-runner who shall in any way inter- five games settled the match, but the contest match is as follows:

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	Boakes	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	4	1-	15
	SE	COND	G	LAJ	ME										
	Boakes						2	1	0	2	0	0	3	8-	-11
	Mahon						4	0	0	0	0	1	1	9_	-15
	T	HRD	G	LA	1E	9			-		-		-		4.00
	Mahon			0	0	6	0	4	0	1	1	1	0	2-	-15
	Boakes			0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	0-	- 8
	FOU	URTH		GA	MU	B.									
	Mahon		1	1	1	0	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0-	-11
	Boakes		0	1	6	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	1-	-15
	FI	FTH	GŁ.	AN	Œ,										
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Ц	Mahon				0	2	3	U	1	0	3	2	1	0-	-12
							3	30	al	46	S.	12	Ma	aho	n.
	Aces by service										5				21
	Aces by returns						0 1			3	9				43
										-	-				-
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	Referee-Mr. Smith	of	Rhy	e]	NE	W	P	0	rk	. (Hu	ib.			
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Time-One hour and five minutes. The total score of the three matches is as fol-Boakes. Mahon.

Won games..... 11 Lost games Total aces by returns..... 138 Total aces scored 207 After the match there was another contest consisting of a four-handed match, best two out of three, in which Messrs. Boakes and Lockhart were matched against Mahon and Moore. Some very lively work was done in this encounter. but Mahon and Moore—the latter showing up in

excellent form-proved too strong for the other

two, as the score below shows:

Mahon and Moore...... 15 15 10 15-55 Boakes and Lockhart... 8 8 15 6-37 This ended the series of matches which have resulted in quite an interest being raised in regard to English rackets.

Billiards.

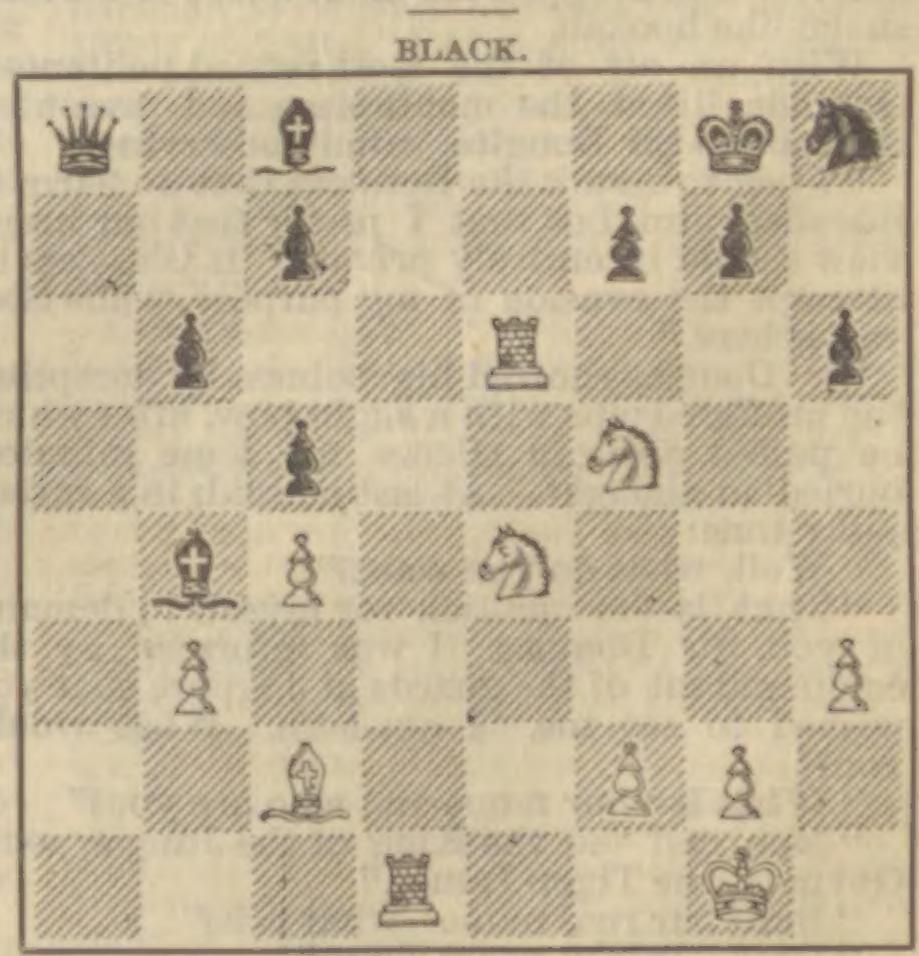
A GRAND international billiard tournament will be held at the Cooper Union, commencing on Monday, January 14, and will terminate on the following Saturday. The players will be Sexton, Rudolphe, Slosson, Garnier, Daly, Dion, Schaefer, and either Gallagher, of St. Louis, or Randolph Heiser, of Boston.

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PROBLEM No. 6.



White to play and mate in two moves.

A Brilliant Game.

WE give below the score of a game played by our American chess-player, Mason, against Captain Mackenzie in the Paris Tourney. Mr. Steinitz, in his letters to the London Field. says of this game: "The termination was so brilliant that it marks the game as one of the finest that ever occurred in a great contest."

The	following is the score	3:	
	WHITE.	12. 1	BLACK.
	Capt. M.		
1.	P. K. 4	11.	P. K. 3
2.	P. Q. 4	2.	P. Q. 4
	Q. Kt. B. 3		
4.	P. takes P.	4.	P. takes P.
	Kt. K. B. 3		
6.	B. Q. 3	6.	Castles
			Q. Kt. B. 3
			Kt. K. 2 (a)
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		12.	P. Q. B. 3
	R. B. 3	13.	Kt. Kt. 3
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	Kt. K. 2	10.	B. Q. 2
	Kt. Kt. 3		Q. R. K. Kt.
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-	Market Committee of the State o		K. R. 4
20.	P. Kt. 4. (ch.)	1985	K. takes P.
21.	R. Kt. 3 (ch.)	21.	K. R. 4
24.	B. mates.		

Time, 13-4 hours. The Captain's notes are as follows:

(a) In the second game between Blackburne and Zukertort, in the seventh round, Mr. Blackburne made this move in a precisely similar position. In his notes to that game, Steinitz points out the course of play which White must adopt, to win-the same as that taken by Capt. M. here. (b.) Kt. Kt. 3 is much to be preferred.

We cannot give better advice to our Chess

Chess Notes.

By an arrangement, which has just been efsubscribe one-half of the \$3,000 necessary to se- business. cure the valuable Chess library of the late Professor George Allen, and the University of Pennsylvania Chess Club the other half. The library is to be placed in the Ridgway Building, at Broad and Christian streets, Philadelphia.



Hare and Hounds Clubs.

THE following letter explains itself:

"NEW YORK, Dec. 10th, 1878. EDITOR OF THE YOUNG NEW YORKER: "DEAR SIR-We saw in your issue of the 9th inst., a suggestion in regard to the formation of clubs for playing the old English game of 'Hare and Hounds may be already started, or is in process of organizainformation in regard to such a club will be thankfully received by yours, most respectfully,

"GEORGE BENZE and "FREDERICK JAEHL. "P.S.-We are employed at A. T. Stewart & Co's." We are glad to receive this letter, inasmuch as it heralds the revival of a very fascinating and valuable sport. For the sake of Messrs.

Hounds Clubs.

club anywhere. Do not wait for some one else, swords, and probably special purses for profesbut start one at once yourselves if you only sional boxers. The entertainment will take have half a dozen members. Once begun, the | place in a large hall or theater." and two Hares. The captain can act as presi- better. dent at your business meetings, and we would suggest a regular organization and small dues, to pay for official correspondence. Take only members who live near each other, for convenience of meetings; choose a simple uniform; ployees of some other great dry-goods house, like Arnold & Constable, Jaffray's, Claflin's, THE O'Leary and Campana walk is settled on

week at least.

nection: "NEW YORK, DEC. 13th, 1878.

" EDITOR YOUNG NEW YORKER: your very accurate description of the first chase the 'Westchester Hare and Hounds.' I am a member of that organization, as also a member of the 'Harlem Athletic Club,' and can speak from experience, when I say that if all young men and boys were to take your advice and form athletic clubs, or employ their spare hours in out-door exercise, they would find that it pays better than to join numerous social clubs, such as this city abounds with, and pass their time in confined club-rooms, smoking cigars and drinking beer. The next chase of the W. H. H. comes off on Christmas Day. We expect to have a glorious run of some twenty miles across the country, and I shall try and send you a description of the chase. Renewing my wish for the welfare of your

"I remain, dear sir, yours respectfully,

We can assure all the "Hounds," as well as | Shooting from a standing position at a stathe "Hares," that The Young New Yorker tionary mark is not to be recommended for intends to be represented at that Christmas young hunters. It gets the marksman into the meet, at all events at the start. As the editor | bad habit of dwelling too long on his aim to does not as yet feel competent to follow the make a better shot, and is fatal to success at whole twenty miles promised by "Hound," he moving objects. A sensible hunter, firing at a will be compelled to trust to the unimpeached grazing deer, always takes a rest when he can, honor of the pack for a full description of the and only fires standing when his game is on the hardest part of the run.

New York Athletic Club.

as follows:

FIRST EVENING.-1, 75 yards run, trials; 2, almost any time, with reasonable care.

open to teams of six men. 440 yards run, final; 3, professional tug of war, ous consideration of expense.

tug of war, final pulls; 7, two-mile walk; 8, the ammunition costs about one-third of that Cornell was concerned, that college sent a brass trigger with a look of wonder which he

tug of war, final pulls. in each game, excepting the tug of war, where from the small bore to the large one will make a prize will be given to each member of the win- the shooting easier, when you practice at game. "Mr. Morse: ning team. An entrance fee (not returnable) of After once you have acquired the knack of company all entries, and in case an entry is ac- found easier to go back to the longer stages up cepted, the person entering will receive a com- to fifty or seventy-five feet. petitor's ticket, which admits him both evenAfter becoming perfect at the swinging ball, arose that made it impossible for us to send a posienter under a false name, and the right to re- the feat with the .40 calibre, without wasting spectfully, yours, fuse or strike out any entry is reserved. Mem- ammunition. bers of athletic or rowing associations, unless | These practices and others like them are the known to the club, will be required to furnish a | whole secret of the wonderful feats of Dr. Carcertificate of membership, and any person not a ver, and he himself assures us that they may be member of a recognized club must be properly imitated by any person with good eyesight and introduced by some well-known person who can steady nerves. Practice, to educate eye and vouch for his being an amateur. Tug of war muscle to act together, is the sole means of obteams must represent some club or association. | taining success. Persons entering for the handicap games are requested to send their record, also their address. An amateur is a person who has never competed in an open competition, or for a stake, or for public money, or for admission money, or with professionals for a prize, public money, or admission money; nor has ever, at any period of his life, taught or assisted in the pursuit of ath-

letic exercises as a means of livelihood. The professional tug is international, and will be for a purse of money. As nearly all who enter will do so without any training, want of condition should not prevent persons from taking students than to take out their boards, play this | part. A special pedestrian track, one-eighth of game through as above, and discuss the why a mile, will be built, heated dressing-rooms will and wherefore of every move. It will teach be provided and everything possible will be done them more of Chess than a dozen games at will. for the comfort and convenience of competitors. A section will be set aside for competitors to witness the games. No communication will receive attention unless addressed to the club box. and all persons are particularly requested not to fected, the Philadelphia Library Company will call upon the officers of the club at their places of

> Entries will close on Thursday, December 26th, and must be addressed to the Secretary, New George H. Wilds.... 111111101100 York Athletic Club, post-office box 3,101 New York City.

We hope to see the readers of THE Young NEW YORKER well represented.

Lady Walkers.

THE ladies are coming to the front as walkers, since Bertha Von Hillern set them a good example. Miss May Marshall, who was defeated by Miss Von Hillern in their first match, some years ago, has greatly improved in style and action, and has just beaten an opponent of no mean pretensions. Daniel Carroll, of Warren, Pa., challenged her to a hundred-mile-walk, which began at midnight of December 12th, at Jamestown, New York. Miss May beat him at | youngest in the country, but it has already prothe end of twenty-three hours and a half by one duced some of the most brilliant marksmen ever lap of the course, having gained on him steadily seen. These scores are a sample of what almost after the fiftieth mile.

Next comes Madame Ada Anderson, from next year. The total possible which the two tion, by boys of our own age, viz.: 16 years. Any | England, who started on Monday, Dec. 16th, to | gentlemen above-named could have made was quarter-hours, in Brooklyn. She has already in other words, 96 per cent. of what the score done the same thing in England. The feat will | might have been had both made bull's-eyes at | occupy 26 days.

Assaults at Arms.

THE New York Athletic Club announces that same case, we will say a few words on Hare and | assault at arms, comprising the amateur cham- | A. Flembrand. pionships in sparring at the different weights, There need be no trouble in forming such a | fencing with foils, bayonet versus saber, broad-

club will increase rapidly. In a house like that | This entertainment can be made very attracof A. T. Stewart & Co., which employs hun- tive if the club steers clear of the objectionable dreds of young men, it ought not to be hard to features which attended its meeting last year. find a dozen or twenty of the same age willing | The sparring contests on that occasion were alto join a Hare and Hounds Club. Go to your lowed to degenerate into savage glove-fights, in friends then, and get them to meet together one of which a man was knocked senseless. Less next Saturday afternoon, organize a club, choose boxing and more of pure assaults of skill with officers, and lay out the ground for a run next different weapons will make the entertainment sage of a law protecting the fish in the Great week. You will need a captain, two lieutenants, attractive to the respectable portion of the au- South Bay of Long Island. Two years ago, in or "whippers-in," to keep the Hounds together, | dience. If the roughs keep away, so much the

Athletic Notes.

THE Waverly Athletic Union was organized | take 250 blue-fish in a single day. on December 12th, 1878 at 329 East Tenth street, This association should be joined by every then go ahead and have your first run as soon as New York City, with C. Leo Scharf in the young sportsman who does not believe in exterpossible. To excite emulation it might be well | chair. The following officers were elected for a | minating our game and fish. To find particufor your club to call itself the "Stewart Hare term of three months: Captain, Joseph Ehard, lars, address Hon. Robert G. Roosevelt, Presiand Hounds Club," and to get up a race between Jr.; Vice-Captain, G. F. Goldsmith; Secretary, dent N. Y. A. P. G., New York City. your organization and one made up of the em- E. Meyer; Treasurer, W. Club; Sergeant-at-

etc. We hope to hear of such clubs and races at last. The men met in New York, December before January, so that the merits of the respec- 12th, at the Brower House. They then drew up tive Hares and Hounds may be decided—for a and signed the articles of agreement to govern the six days' walk. There was nothing of any The following letter, received since the above special interest in the articles, as they merely was in type, is also of great interest in this con- covered the terms of the match as already printed. The party then went over to Gilmore's Garden, and Campana took a spin round the track, expressing himself highly pleased with "Allow me to congratulate you on the success of the place selected for the match. They begin to tons burden, has just arrived in Cleveland after your paper, and, at the same time, to thank you for | walk Monday, December 23d, and are to keep | an absence of more than two years, in which going all Christmas week.

Dr. Carver's Secret.

WHEN a novice, by dint of careful practice from a rest, has become able to hit an inch spot being driven ashore now and then in a gale on a white target every time at fifty feet, he can begin at moving objects.

When perfect accuracy is attained at small stationary objects, firing from a rest, it is time to begin at moving objects from a standing position. To do so it is well to procure at a gun-THE second annual winter meeting of the New | smith's a "ringing ball" of bell metal. These York Athletic Club will be held on the evenings | balls are made the same size as the glass balls of Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3d and 4th, 1879, used by Bogardus and others in trap-shooting. at Gilmore's Garden. The programme will be They cost from two to five dollars, but are economical in the end, as one of them will last

440 yards run, trials; 3, mile walk to those who If the marksman is alone, he can suspend this have never beaten 8:30, trials; 4, 75 yards run, ball by a wire in front of his target, set it to Delaware and Hudson rivers and the Erie second trials; 5, amateur tug of war, trial pulls, swinging, and fire at it while in motion. Every open to teams of ten men; 6, 220 yards run, time it is struck, it gives a decided ring, just as the lake to Cleveland, where they arrived last trial; 7, one-mile run; 8, 440 yards hurdle race, | reliable as the breaking of a glass ball. A ten hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 9, 220 yards final; novice should begin with one of these ringing the Okaresta, and the captain of it, F. W. Ed-10, Seventh Regiment tug of war, trial pulls, balls at ten feet. It will probably take him at least a hundred shots before he hits it, and SECOND EVENING.—1, 75 yards run, final; 2, therefore saving of ammunition becomes a seri-

Medals will be given to first, second and third than with one of .40 calibre, therefore the change following reply:

ings. Entrance fee for each amateur tug of war | take an assistant with you, and let him throw | tive answer, and it was decided to pospone writing team, \$5. Three substitutes allowed. Dress the ball in the air while you try to hit it. A until we knew whether we could row. As yet I am must consist of shirt and loose drawers to the much shorter practice will make you perfect sorry to say, matters are not clear, but we are very knee. No person will be allowed to compete in this branch of shooting. When you can hit unless properly attired. This rule will be strict- the ball at will with the .22 calibre rifle, you ly enforced. No competitor will be allowed to need not fear but you will be able to repeat Hoping the delay will be pardoned, I am very re-

Glass Ball Shooting.

met Dec. 10th, in the driving rain storm, and shot off their regular semi-monthly contest for the club badge. For this there were eight competitors, at fifteen balls; Parker trap; ties by Mr. John B. Bergen. A pretty trifle in the shape of an ornamental leather badge, is given to the member making the lowest score. Mr. Davis won this trophy. The following was

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Long-Range Marksmanship.

In the practice-shooting of the Columbia Rifle ington, D. C., the following scores were made, on a gray cloudy day, with a wind varying

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The Columbia Rifle Association is one of the every member of the American team will do every shot.

Rod and Gun Notes.

THE Excelsior Shooting Club, of Brooklyn, Benze and Jaehl, and thousands of others in the it will give some time next February "a grand held a match, Dec. 12th, won by Mr. Henry

MESSRS. LAMBERTSON and Van Backle, of the Midway Gun Club, of Matawan, N. J., tied each other three times over in trials of ten shots each, for a valuable breech-loader offered by the club, Dec. 12th. The Midway Club has some of the best shots in New Jersey.

THE New York Association for the Protection of Game met during the week in New York City. President Robert G. Roosevelt in the chair. report of the work of the association brought out these facts: Last year it procured the pasconsequence of the use of pound-nets, the fishing had so far deteriorated that it had been almost abandoned. The new law had been enforced with astonishing results. Last year it was not an unusual thing for one boat alone to



A Long Yacht Cruise.

A YACHT thirty-two feet long and of three 5,083 miles were sailed. From Cleveland, in October, 1876, she went by way of the Ohio Canal and the Ohio river to Cincinnati. but at Moscow, twenty-eight miles above Cincinnati, she was frozen up in December, and went into winter quarters. The following spring and summer were consumed leisurely in the Ohio river, so that it was not till November that she entered the Mississippi. New Orleans was reached early in January, and there the party rested over a month. In February they passed into the Gulf and turned their prow eastward shooting alligators for their amusement, and Two months were passed cruising in and around the bays of the Florida coast, exploring coves and inlets, studying immense sponge reefs and examining ancient Indian mounds along the shore. In June they turned the southern point of Florida and were in the Atlantic. Sailing northward, they were driven away from severa ports in consequence of the quarantine regulations growing out of the yellow fever in the South. At Charleston they were admitted, and remained there four days. Fearing to round Cape Hatteras, they went through the Dismal Swamp canal. The captain relates that in this canal, surrounded as they were by the great swamp, they could at almost any time reach out with a pole and touch a snake. When the overhanging vegetation was brushed, as sometimes happened, by the boat, a snake was usually shaken onto the boat, from which it would glide swiftly into the water. The remainder of the voyage was inland. Proceeding up the Chesapeake Bay, the yacht passed up the Canal to Buffalo, whence the voyagers sailed on Monday morning. The name of the yacht is

Cornell and Harvard.

"CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 4th, 1878.

swering definitely the challenge, we received from you. Two or three days after the meeting in which anxious to row and hope you will keep your crew in

"FREDERICK ALLEN, Secretary H. U. B. C." Only two days later the following appeared

in The Crimson, the Harvard College paper. "It does not affect Yale and Harvard to be called cowards by Cornell and Columbia. All their talk will not make Harvard and Yale feel anything but row. With Columbia, Cornell and other colleges we have no quarrel, and the losing or winning of a race THE Shrewsbury Gun Club, of Red Bank, to this university at least. With Yale on the contrary, our yearly contest is of vital interest. When the R. A. A. C. was still alive the question each year was not, 'Who won?' but, 'Did we beat Yale?'"

Naturally this soothing little article produced shot off at five balls each. The badge was won its effect on Cornell, already impatient at the delay in answer, and Mr. Morse soon sent the last shot of the controversy in this wise:

> "ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 10th, 1878. "DEAR SIR-Your letter of December 4th has been received and duly considered. We regret that the the circumstances, in withdrawing the challenge, regretting that your action has made it necessary.

"Respectfully, yours,
"Ed. R. Morse, Secretary Cornell Navy." This of course decides the question at the same time that it leaves Harvard in a very foolish position in the rowing world. Both Cornell and Columbia have beaten Harvard in times past, and Columbia has won a victory Association, Dec. 13th, at their grounds, Wash- in England over the same course and against about cooking game, which we commend to our the same rivals by whom Harvard was de- young sportsmen as correct: cisively defeated eight years since. For Harvard to pretend to look down on such antagonists | but if it must be baked, too hot an oven should as "secondary," is in very questionable taste, be avoided. Don't cook too long-no kind of and we hope that the crimson does not represent game should have the juices dried out of it. college opinion at Harvard. As the controversy Wild ducks are improved by a wine-portstands, Cornell and Columbia will have no need sauce. Snipe and woodcocks are cooked withto call any one "cowards." The world at large out drawing the trail—as the entrails are called will judge both parties fairly.

Yachting and Rowing Notes. ROBERT WATSON BOYD is the latest English

sculler of note. His backers want to row him against any man in the world for three miles. WILLIAM SPENCER, of London, beat Charles Bullman in a race over the Thames Champion walk 2,700 quarter-miles in 2,700 consecutive only 450, and out of this they rolled up 432, or, Course, on the 26th of November, by six lengths. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, present English sculling champion, is at work training for his match

against John Higgins, Feb. 17th, 1879. The winner will be game for our Hanlon. AUSTRALIAN oarsmen were greatly excited over the race between Messenger, of Melbourne, and Laycock, of Sydney, rowed on the Para-

malta river, September 14th. Laycock won. He stands six feet two inches, and weighs 180 pounds. Messenger was 21 pounds lighter.

Philadelphia Pigeon Flying.

PROBABLY there is no city in the Union in which this sport has become so universal as Philadelphia. The Quaker City was never far behindhand in any sport. Did not her cricket club stand its own with the Australians? For several years she had her base-ball nine called "Champions." Now, is she going to show the white feather in this sport, not new, but new to Young America! She answers this herself: Take up the last Sunday papers and you will find records of several races, not only by professionals, but by amateurs. Boys have joined hands to make this pleasant sport more progressive, and at this time we have no less than four amateur pigeon clubs. To use the words of an old pigeon-fancier: "They all have the fever bad. Even old men, who have gone through the pigeon-fever eight or ten times, have it." I hope more Young Americans will waken up and "get it." S. N. L.

Bird-Taming.

half-mile run; 9, professional tug of war, final which he uses in the larger gun. The sight- straight challenge to Harvard last month, but interpreted aright, and left off killing birds suspulls; 10, bicycle race, two miles; 11, amateur | ing should be exactly the same. It is harder | after waiting six weeks in vain, the secretary | ceptible of the same training. He leaves his to hit a small object with a .22 calibre bullet of Cornell's crew wrote again and received the chamber window open at night, and when he awakes early in the morning he often finds a robin or goldfinch hopping about on the bedposts or on the back of a chair close by, trying to "DEAR SIR-I have received your note of Nov. say or sing in the best articulation of its speech, \$1 per man, for each and every game, must ac- hitting a swinging ball at ten feet, it will be 20th and would ask pardon for the delay in not an- "It's time to get up; come and see the flowers; a dew of pearl is on their leaves and the sun is above the sea." And what is more beautiful still, and full of poetry, these birds follow him to the sanctuary on Sunday, a distance of more than a mile from his house, as a kind of aërial escort, singing their Sabbath psalms of gladness and praise on their way. When the indoor service is ended they meet him on his return and escort him home with a new set of hymns.-Elihu Burrit.

Mating Canaries.

Canaries should never be allowed to mate oftener than twice in any one year. Some will raise as many as four litters, if not prevented; but a third mating is always injurious, and often brings on a disease which quite ruins the male bird as a singer. The canaries, while mating, should be fed on hard-boiled eggs and common oyster crackers, well soaked in boiled milk. but, of course, made cool before being fed to the birds. Hemp-seed should not be used, as it fattens the birds. A piece of raw beef, highly seasoned with cayenne (red) pepper, should be fed them as often as once in each week. The cage should not be moved if it can be avoided, and should hang in a darkened room.

All canaries, while mating, like privacy. When the eggs are hatched, feed the young birds on the yellow of hard-boiled eggs for two weeks, after that mix hard, dry crackers with egg and feed. Sometimes the hen canary benature of your reply makes it necessary for us to withdraw the challenge we have sent you. We— gins to make her nest before the young birds are able to leave it. At such times put a new nest judging by the experience of former years, when we in the cage, and leave plenty of food for the newwere kept in suspense for a long period, to our great detriment—consider no other course advisable.

"Therefore we consider ourselves justified, under be thrown around the new nest, in order to prebe thrown around the new nest, in order to prevent the hen from picking the old one to pieces. Cotton should not be used, as it is highly injurious to the feet of the canaries; they often get caught in it, and are quite frequently made cripples for life.

Cooking Game.

THE Chicago Field gives excellent directions

"The best way to cook all game is to roast it: -which is considered the most delicate portion. Quail and grouse require a nice bread sauce, and are not to be despised with cranberry or red currant jelly, and the latter lends greatly to the appreciation of rabbit and venison. Rabbit stewed with a little bacon and lemon-peel and made

A Famous Fire-Horse.

AT the latter part of the spring of 1864 "Our

Bruce" was born. He began to show signs of a

into pie is no mean cold dish.

promising hunter of over sixteen hands, and in due course commenced his training for the chase. At five years old he had grown to a beautiful animal, very docile and tractable-his mottled gray coat the pride of groom and the admiration of his master. "Our Bruce" in the harhting-field once stumbled, and in consequence the confidence of his master, who disposed of him to the Manchester Carriage Company. the early part of the year 1870 he was sold by the Carriage Company to the Manchester Corporation for the fire-engine department, and commenced his duties on the 24th of March. His general appearance and kind, tractable, willing ways were soon noticed by the firemen, and in less than a month after he joined the brigade he was the favorite of the whole establishment, having pretty well the free run of the yard, in which he caused much diversion by his singular and funny ways. He was always full of innocent mischief, and one of his greatest delights was to chase the men about the yard. It sometimes happened that he was let out for a gambol when the children were playing; and on such occasions it was most interesting to notice how careful he was in not going too near them; at other times, when the engines were in the yard he seemed not to forget his early training as a hunter, and would amuse himself by jumping over the poles. When tired, he would lift the latch of the door and go into the stable; and just as easily, after a rest, when the stable-door was closed, he would let himself out again, or knock loudly at the door to attract attention. Near the stable-door there is a water-tub with a revolving handle. "Our Bruce" would turn the handle with ease, and help himself to a drink. It sometimes happened that a hose-pipe would be attached to the tap; this would not cause him IT was all an incident to his benevolent dispo- the least inconvenience; in such a case, after sition, not a premeditated design. It com- turning on the tap, he would lift up the end of menced when he was laying out the grounds of the hose-pipe with his teeth, and hold the end in his little dell park. While at work upon the his mouth until he had satisfied his thirst. walks and flower beds, and turning up the fresh | Many curious anecdotes could be told about our earth with his spade or rake, several of the little pet; how, on one occasion, he picked up the birds would come down from the trees and hop | end of the hose and wetted one of the firemen along after him a little distance, picking up the | who had offended him; how at a fire he would worms and insects. By walking gently and stand amidst the greatest noise and excitement looking and speaking kindly when they were and showers of sparks falling around him and on near, they came first to regard his approach his beautiful coat, only to be shaken off, and at without fear, then with confidence. They soon other times completely enveloped in smoke; but learned the sound of his voice and seemed to un- there was no shying or fretting under fire or derstand the meaning of his simple, set words of smoke with "Our Bruce;" he seemed to know caressing. Little by little they ventured near- that he had brought those who would fight that er and nearer, close to his rake and hoe, and ruthless tyrant, fire, and he stood proud and fluttered and wrestled and twittered in the con- | confident that before long he would return home test for a worm or fly, sometimes hopping upon | with the victors, when, after being refreshed the head of his rake in their excitement. Day and groomed, he would again be ready (always by day they became more trustful and tame. | first) for the "next turn-out." For nearly six They watched him in the morning from the years "Our Bruce" never missed going with the trees near his door and followed him to his work. first machine, at the end of which time he was. New birds joined the company daily, and they in consequence of his fine appearance and our all acted as if he had no other interest in raking desire to give him a less active duty in his old the ground than to find them a breakfast. As age, transferred from the fire-engine to the the number increased he began to carry crusts police-patrol duty. We did not altogether lose of bread in the great outside pocket of his coat, our faithful animal's services, for one of his duand to sprinkle a few crumbs for them on the | ties was to attend fires with the mounted police ground. When his walks were all finished, and sergeant (whose name is also Bruce) to keep back he used the spade and rake less frequently, the the on-lookers, which he most effectually did for birds looked for their daily rations of crumbs, nearly two years, during which time he was a and would gather in the treetops in the morn- great favorite with the policemen, rarely leaving ing and let him know with their begging voices the police-station without an apple, piece of that they were waiting for him. He called bread, or some mark of affection. On the 17th them to breakfast with a whistle, and they ultimo, "Our Bruce" fell sick; the vetermary would come out of the thick green leaves of the surgeon was sent for, who pronounced him sufgrove and patter, twitter and flutter over his fering from inflammation of the bowels. The feet. Sometimes he would put a piece of bread usual remedies were applied, and everything was between his lips, when a bright-eyed little thing | done to relieve his pain and make him comfortwould pick it out, like a humming-bird taking able, but to no avail. For three days afterward honey from a deep flower bell without alighting. he was never left alone for a moment, night or They became his constant companions. As soon | day, and at the end of the third day he drew as he stepped from his door they were on the his last breath, surrounded by those who loved look-out to give him a merry welcome with their | him well, and who had been taken by him to happy voices. They have come to know the the scene of many a hard fight. A post-mortem sound of his step, his walks and recreations. examination was held the following morning to Often when leaning upon his hoe or rake one of ascertain the cause of his death. A stone six them will alight upon the head of it and turn up inches in diameter, weighing five pounds and a bright eye at his face. Even before he gave eleven ounces, was taken from his bowels; this trial pulls, teams of five men; 4, the one-mile If the marksman can afford to get a .22 calibre was, no doubt, the principal cause of the disease II was, no doubt, the principal cause II was, no doubt, the princi walk (8:30), final; 5, 220 yards hurdle race, two hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdle race, two hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdle race, two hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will find it an advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6, Seventh Regiment will be advantage in this practice, as hurdles, 2 feet six inches; 6 fe